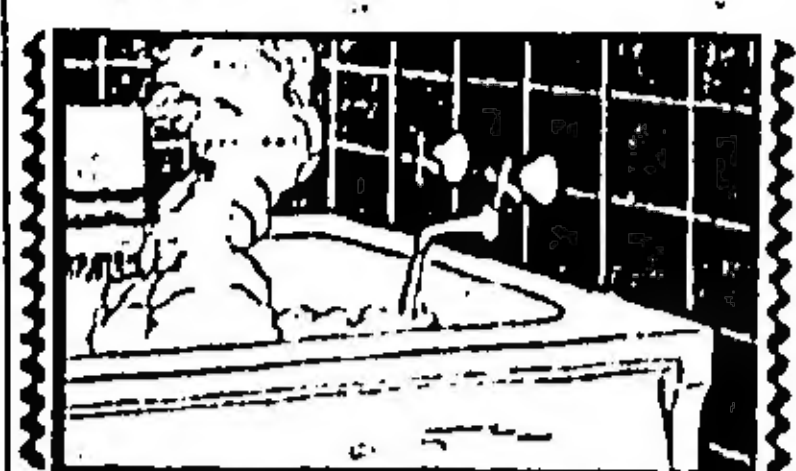


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DISASTROUS WUCHOW FIRE.

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CITY RUINED.**

(Our Own Correspondent).

Wuchow, Dec. 1.

A mass of blackened and still smouldering ruins is all that remains of a large part of eastern Wuchow, the result of a disastrous fire which broke out last week and spread devastatingly for days.

Hundreds of people have been rendered homeless and destitute, the loss of property being enormous.

The local Red Cross Society is distributing food to the refugees, who are being housed temporarily in public buildings.

Hospital Barely Escapes.

The damage was restricted primarily to private dwellings, although a large hospital barely escaped.

Many touching scenes met the eyes of observers, as destitute householders attempted to rescue their meagre belongings from the consuming blaze, or tried to salvage the few articles that came through the fire unscathed.

The fire department accomplished wonders with their inadequate equipment, while the police and military officials furnished guards who protected property and maintained fire lines.

A Second Outbreak.

A second catastrophe was narrowly averted yesterday when a second blaze started in a neighbouring business section which did considerable damage before the flames were quenched by the fire department and insurance firms.

The big fire insurance firms in Hongkong are said to be involved in heavy commitments as a result of last week's disaster.

THE BURMA ROUND TABLE.

**WORK BEGINS AT ST.
JAMES'S PALACE.**

London, Dec. 2.

The work of the Burmese Round Table Conference began to-day at St. James's Palace under the chairmanship of Lord Peel.

The King's reply to a loyal message sent by the inaugural meeting last week, expresses His Majesty's earnest hope that the deliberations on which delegates are now embarking will be brought to successful issue.

A general debate which will be continued to-morrow followed the reading of the King's message and on Monday the Conference will resolve itself into committees for the purpose of detailed examination of its problem.—British Wireless.

THE ENGLISH CUP REPLAYS.

**GAINSBOROUGH IN
SECOND ROUND.**

London, Dec. 2.

Gainsborough Trinity sprang a surprise by defeating Crowe, otherwise the F. A. Cup replays to-day terminated as expected. Tunbridge Wells Rangers offered a great struggle at Brentford, and another Kent League side Northfleet, held Bournemouth to a single goal victory.

The results were:
Gainsborough 1 Crowe 0
Accrington 5 Rotherham 0
Watford 2 Charnock 0
Northfleet 0 Bournemouth 1
Brentford 2 T. W. Rangers 1
Halifax 2 Newark 1
* After extra time.
—Router.



Some idea of the devastation caused in Wuchow by last week's fire may be obtained from the above picture, taken after the blaze had burned itself out.

Cabinet Ministers For Geneva.

THE DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE.

London, Dec. 2.

The importance which the British Government is known to attach to the forthcoming World Disarmament Conference received further emphasis to-day when at question-time in the House of Commons, the Prime Minister made an announcement on the composition of the British delegation.

He stated that the full membership had not yet been settled, but that he himself would lead the delegation and that it would include five other Cabinet Ministers, namely: the Foreign Secretary, Sir John Simon, the Dominions Secretary, Mr. J. H. Thomas, the Secretary of State for War, Lord Hailsham, the Air Minister, Lord Londonderry, and the First Lord of the Admiralty, Sir Bolton Eyres-Monsell.—British Wireless.

Draft Convention.

Replying to other questions on the British policy at the Conference, Mr. Ramsay MacDonald referred to the fact that under the late Labour Government, a committee of members of the three parties examined broadly the terms of the draft convention, and stated that the present Government had continued the examination in the fullest detail. He doubted if it would be possible, however, to make a statement on the Government policy before the House rose for the Christmas recess.—British Wireless.

BELGIAN TRAIN SMASH.

**EXPRESS HITS "SLOW"
NEAR MALINES.**

Brussels, Dec. 2.

The Lille-Antwerp express met with disaster this evening, crashing into a passenger train bound from Brussels to Antwerp.

Up to the present, the casualties are known to include two dead and twenty-four injured.

The mishap occurred near Malines, about half-way between Brussels and Antwerp, for which both trains were bound.—Router.

"BERMUDA" FIRE — SEQUEL.

**NEW SHIP TO BE
BUILT.**

London, Dec. 2.

Sir Frederick Lewis, the chairman of Furness Withy Limited, owners of the s.s. Bermuda, which was recently destroyed by fire at Belfast, has announced that a contract has to-day been placed with Messrs. Vickers Armstrong for the construction of a sister ship to the Bermuda, costing over one million pounds.—British Wireless.

THE TARIFF BAR.

NO FOREIGN ENTANGLEMENTS!

London, Dec. 2.

Great interest was evinced in the House of Commons at question-time in an answer by Major Colville, Secretary to the Department of Overseas Trade to two questions designed to elicit an assurance that, pending discussions on inter-imperial economic questions, no new trade agreements or fiscal arrangements of a binding character would be entered into.

Major Colville replied: "I can assure the House that the Government will enter into no engagements with foreign countries which would be likely to prejudice either the objects of the Abnormal Importations Act, or any future arrangements with the rest of the Empire."

Mr. Stanley Bruce, formerly the Prime Minister of Australia, in a speech at the Royal Empire Society meeting to-day said statements of the Empire were presented with the greatest opportunity any nation ever had for stimulating greater inter-imperial economic co-operation.—British Wireless.

RUSSIAN MINUS PASSPORT.

TIENTSIN OFFENCES RECALLED.

Described as a newspaper compositor, a young Russian appeared before Mr. Williams at the Central Police Court this morning on a charge of arriving in the Colony without a valid passport.

The defendant pleaded guilty.

Detective Sergeant C. Mottram informed his Worship that the defendant was arrested by a Russian member of the "E" Contingent of the Force near the Central Market. The officer was formerly in the British Police in the British Concession in Tientsin, and whilst there he arrested the defendant for various house-breaking offences.

A fine of \$60 or five weeks' hard labour was imposed.

FEMALE INVASION OF STEAMER.

**HEAVY FINES AT THE
MARINE COURT.**

A scene of rare occurrence in the Marine Court was witnessed this morning, when 24 girls were arraigned on a charge of having boarded the s.s. Athelqueen, lying at Tsun Wan, without the permission of the master or the officer in charge.

They wore dresses of colourful hues varying from bright red to black, and their presence lent a touch of brightness to the Court.

All the girls pleaded guilty to the charge. The Court was informed by Inspector Monroe that they were women of ill-repute and each was fined \$50 or, in default, six weeks' imprisonment.

STERLING FALL ARRESTED.

SILVER MARKET WEAKENS.

DOLLAR SHAKY.

The Hongkong dollar opened at 1s. 4.13/16d. this morning, unchanged from yesterday, but shortly afterwards the rate declined a farthing. This was due to reactions resulting from a decided improvement in the London-New York cross-rate.

Strangely enough, silver was up 3/16ths spot and 1/8th forward in London, where there were small offerings, India and the Continent being small buyers. After the official fixing, however, the market ruled very weak, and America was a seller at 3/8ths under the quoted rates.

In New York, silver is unchanged at 29 cents.

The cross-rate jumped up to 3.40, reflecting the firmer undertone of sterling in New York.

The Hongkong market was easier this morning, the prevailing rates being 1s. 4.13/16d. and 1s. 4.15/16d. The Shanghai market was also weak at 1s. 9.3/8d. and 1s. 9.9/16d.

There are expectations that silver will decline with the improvement in the cross-rate.

Sterling's upward jump of ten cents in New York wiped out the loss suffered on Tuesday, and there is some confidence that the slump has been definitely arrested. There was an improvement in the rates in all Continental centres, and it is believed that this will continue.

NAVAL REVIEW TO-MORROW.

OVER 800 MEN TO TAKE PART.

More than 800 men are to take part in a naval review at the Happy Valley racecourse to-morrow morning at 10.30 o'clock, when the Commander-in-Chief, H.E. Admiral Sir Howard Kelly, will take the salute.

Three companies of seamen, representing all ships in port, and a marine company under Major V. C. Brown, of H.M.S. Kent, will mass at the racecourse in addition to several of the ships' bands. The whole display will be under Capt. Reyme, of H.M.S. Berwick.

To-morrow's review will be the first naval display for about two years, as last year there were not sufficient ships in port.

The Commander-in-Chief is expected at 10.30 a.m., and, after an inspection of the companies, will take the salute from a march past that is expected to last about an hour.

Winston Churchill Leads Tory Die-hards.

Opposition to Government's India Policy.

TWO-DAY DEBATE IN COMMONS.

London, Dec. 2.

The Winston Churchill group's disapproval of the British Government's India policy was expressed in the House of Commons to-day when a two-day debate on the question was opened by the Prime Minister.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald expressed his conviction that the problem would be solved if it was faced with courage and resource.

Major Atlee, who was a member of the Simon Commission, approved the Government's policy on behalf

of the Labour opposition, but Sir Reginald Cradock, a member of the Conservative "Die-hard" section led by Mr. Winston Churchill, declared that a paper constitution giving India responsible government would be a complete sham.

The debate was opened on a motion approving the declaration of the Government's policy made by the Prime Minister at the Round Table Conference on Tuesday.

It was begun this afternoon in a crowded House and will be continued to-morrow.

Full Assent of Cabinet.

The motion was submitted by the Prime Minister, who said his statement on Tuesday had the full assent of the Cabinet. He observed that none who had sat at the Round Table Conference could doubt that political capacity in India was solid, widespread and had enormously increased in recent years.

The value of the conference had been that it had enabled them better to understand what was the Indian "mind" and what were the big problems in translating that "mind" into a working constitution.

Outstanding Questions.

The next stage, obviously, was to submit the outstanding questions to a detailed and constructive examination and they were accordingly being referred to several committees working in India, the matters to be specially studied including the questions of the Franchise and the safeguards.

Alluding to the communal question, Mr. MacDonald said the Government took the view that it would not be justified in allowing a failure to agree on this point to stand in the way of putting into operation a constitution which otherwise had a rough general agreement.

He wanted to impress on the House his conviction, without reservation, that the work so far accomplished could never have been done except by the method of co-operative consultation, and that if they tried to change the method it would destroy the chance of a continuing agreement and co-operation with India herself.

British Democracy.

If they succeeded, however, it would be one of Britain's greatest contributions to democratic institution and human liberty.

The Premier criticised an amendment standing in the name of Mr. Winston Churchill and four other members, and made an appeal, which was later repeated by Lord Winterton, for its withdrawal.—Router and British Wireless.

NEW CHINESE MEMBER OF COUNCIL.

**Nomination of Mr.
T. N. Chau.**

A BARRISTER IN BUSINESS.

We understand that following the retirement of Sir Shou-son Chow from the Legislative Council, His Excellency the Governor has nominated Mr. T. N. Chau, the eldest son of the late Mr. Chau Shiu-ki, himself a former member, to be one of the Chinese representatives.

Mr. T. N. Chau, who graduated at Oxford, is a Barrister-at-Law having been called to the Bar of the Middle Temple in 1914.

On his return to Hongkong, he practised in the courts for some years, but latterly has devoted his time to shipping and insurance. He is manager of the Chuan On and Man On Companies dealing in fire and marine insurance, and of the Yuan On Shipping Company and the Shui On Shipping Company. He is also manager of the Hongkong and Kowloon Land and Investment Company and Managing partner of the Tai Yick native bank.

Mr. Chau is a very popular member of Chinese commercial associations in the Colony and is Chairman of the River Steamers' Association and of the Hongkong and Kowloon Property Owners' Association. He is Hon. English Secretary of the Hongkong Chinese General Chamber of Commerce, in which he has many times served as a member of the Executive Committee.

Mr. Chau has taken a considerable interest in the welfare of the Chinese community and is a member of the Harbour Board and the Sanitary Board. He has served with distinction on the Tung Wah Hospital Board of Directors, the District Watchmen's Committee, the Po Leung Kuk, the Finance Committee of the St. John Ambulance Brigade, and the Council of the St. Stephen's College, which incidentally was the school in which he received his early education.

Mr. Chau is an education enthusiast and contributed much meritorious service during the financial campaigns in connexion with the building of the new St. Stephen's College and with the establishment of the Chinese Faculty at the Hongkong University.

DEATH OF MR. A. G. HEARNE.

APPENDICITIS OPERATION.

Insurance men in the Far East will be shocked to learn of the death, which occurred in Shanghai early this morning, following an appendix operation, of Mr. A. G. Hearne, North China Manager of the Manufacturers' Life Insurance Company. The sad news was contained in a wireless message received by Mr. E. J. R. Mitchell, South China Manager of the Company, to-day.

The late Mr. Hearne, who was about 48 years of age, was one of Shanghai's most popular bachelors. He had been in the East for several years, first in Japan and for nine years in Shanghai, where he started the Company's branch office and built up a very fine connexion.

He was a very keen golfer, having been appointed Captain of the Shanghai Golf Club this year, and was also the owner of a number of fine Airedale dogs, several of which have been noteworthy prizewinners. His mother and sister, with whom much sympathy will be felt, paid him a visit last summer.

The late Mr. Hearne was appointed North China Manager in March this year, at the same time that Mr. Mitchell was made Manager for South China.

The Royal Observatory reports that the arctic cyclone remains stationary to the N.W. of Peking.



Another illustration of the Wuchow fire disaster. A large rice-mill and hundreds of residences were completely gutted. Enormous property damage is reported and it is stated that several local insurance companies are involved.

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TWO LAKHS FOR COLONY.
SIR ROBERT HO TUNG'S FINE DONATION.
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At the Golden Wedding reception at the Peninsula Hotel yesterday afternoon, Sir Robert Ho Tung announced that he had donated \$200,000 to the Colony to mark the 50th anniversary of his married life. Half of this sum is to be applied to the building of a children's welfare centre in the New Territories, and the other half to provide free education for poor girls in the east end of the city.

The attendance at the Peninsula Hotel in the afternoon was a glittering spectacle, with the picturesque and colourful dresses of the Chinese ladies, and was estimated at over 1,000. Sir Robert and Lady Ho Tung received the guests in the ground floor lounge, while the rose room and roof garden were taken over for the celebrations.

His Excellency the Governor and Lady Peel arrived about 4.30 p.m. and took their places beside Sir Robert and his wife on a dais at the northern end of the rose room. Also on the dais were Sir Howard and Lady Kelly, Major-General Sandilands, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Kotewall and Mr. Wong Kwong-tin. His Excellency and Mr. Kotewall made eulogistic references to the good work of Sir Robert and his wife, and after Sir Robert's reply, the gathering took tea, each person present being given a piece of the monster wedding cake. Dancing was continued until 8 p.m.

The whole of the speeches were relayed by station Z.B.W.

HONOURABLE CAREER.
Governor Pays Tribute to Couple.

Sir William Peel said: Your Excellency, ladies and gentlemen:

It is my privilege to-day to propose the health of Sir Robert and Lady Ho Tung, on the occasion of their golden wedding. I think I am right in saying that this is the first golden wedding at which I have been present. Though they occur more frequently than they used to, they are still somewhat rare, and I am sincerely optimistic enough to expect to be present at my own.

One cannot but be struck by the great energy and virility of Sir Robert and Lady Ho Tung, having regard to—must not say to the fact that they have enjoyed fifty years of married life, for I might cause some indignation on the part of married people at the suggestion that married life militates against such virility—rather I should say, having regard to the age which they must have attained to have enabled them to complete fifty years of married life. There is no doubt that this energy and virility are due to the fact that they have always taken an intense interest in affairs and in their fellow creatures.

On an occasion of this kind one ought, I suppose, to refer more to the domestic life of the happy couple, but it is not possible to avoid reference to the public life and services of Sir Robert and Lady Ho Tung. Sir Robert has been connected with public affairs for nearly as long as he has been married, having been appointed a member of the Po Leung Kuk committee no less than 46 years ago. He was appointed a Justice of the Peace 40 years ago, and

GUARD FOR THE CHILDREN.



A stalwart Chinese police sergeant in the Shanghai International Settlement is seen escorting Japanese children home from School in the North Szechuen-Boone Roads district. Many Japanese women and children have gone back to Japan as a precaution.

received from His Majesty the King the honour of a Knight Bachelor in the year 1915. He has made many generous gifts, especially to education, and to the University in particular, but the list is too long for me to enumerate.

Many Activities.

He has always been engaged in many activities, both in this Colony and in China. He is still full of enterprise, and in a recent London Illustrated paper I saw a picture of him, indicating that he was proposing to start a Hollywood at Peking. I do not know how far this is true, but I suggest that, if it is, he might perhaps take Lady Ho Tung on a new honeymoon to that place in America, in order to study the conditions there. I understand that the attractions at Hollywood are very great, and perhaps it would be safer to make the visit on the lines I suggest.

Lady Ho Tung's beneficent works are innumerable. She has proved a great helpmate to her husband. If I may be allowed a personal note, I may say that I yield to none in my appreciation of the value that a wife may be to her husband in both his private and his public life; and I am therefore all the more able to realize the enormous help that Lady Ho Tung must have been to Sir Robert during the fifty years that they have been together. Her work in the New Territories is well known to most of us, though perhaps we do not realize its full extent. She has done most excellent work in connexion with sericulture and agriculture, showing what can be done in these industries in this Colony. Whenever she takes a thing up, she works at it hard and keenly, and her establishment at Fanling, with its gardens and silkworm experiments, is a monument to her patience and industry.

Aid to Wembley.
She and Sir Robert proved towers of strength to the Hongkong section at Wembley in 1924 and 1925. Her silk-work exhibit, which she personally conducted in every detail, was among the most successful exhibits of the whole exhibition.

Their generosity and good works still continue, and I have recently had further evidence of this in a generous promise from them to donate considerable sums for the benefit of education in the Colony, and of the health of the poorer people in the New Territories, in which Lady Ho Tung is specially interested. I will, however, leave Sir Robert to make a statement in this matter.

If, as I believe, the happiness one attains largely depends on the happiness one gives to others, then I think that the couple whose health I am proposing have deserved a great measure of it.

COLLEAGUES TRIBUTE.

Eulogistic Remarks by Mr. R. H. Kotewall.

Paying a tribute to Sir Robert and Lady Ho Tung, Mr. R. H. Kotewall said:

I have just come away from a wedding at which I had the privilege of proposing the principal toast. It is now my honour and pleasure to speak at this wedding celebration on behalf of the friends of Sir Robert and Lady Ho Tung and I think I can say—although I hold no definite man—

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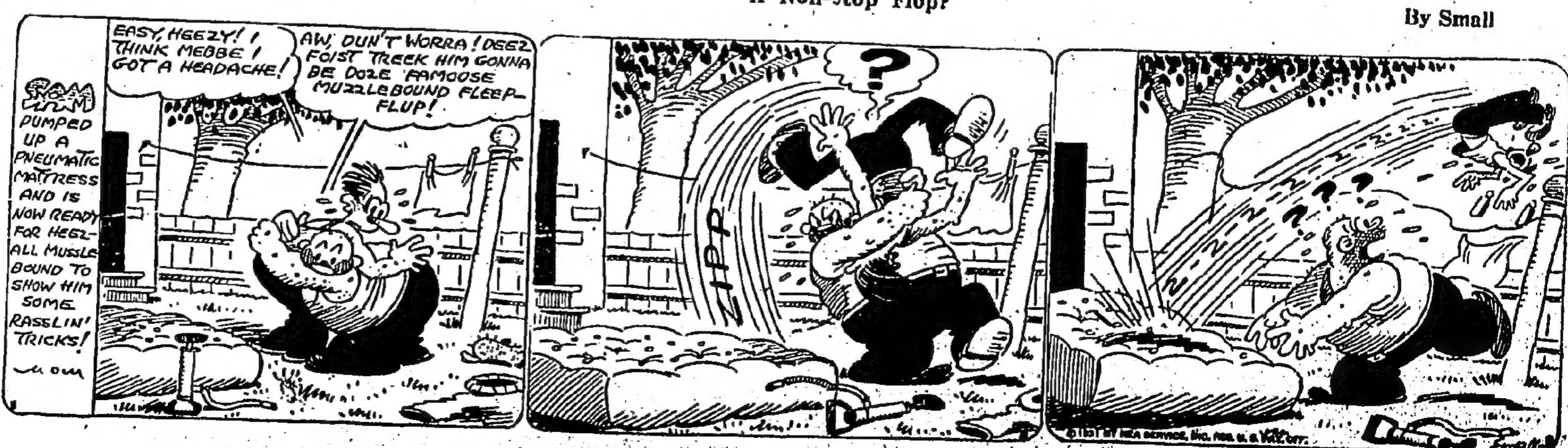
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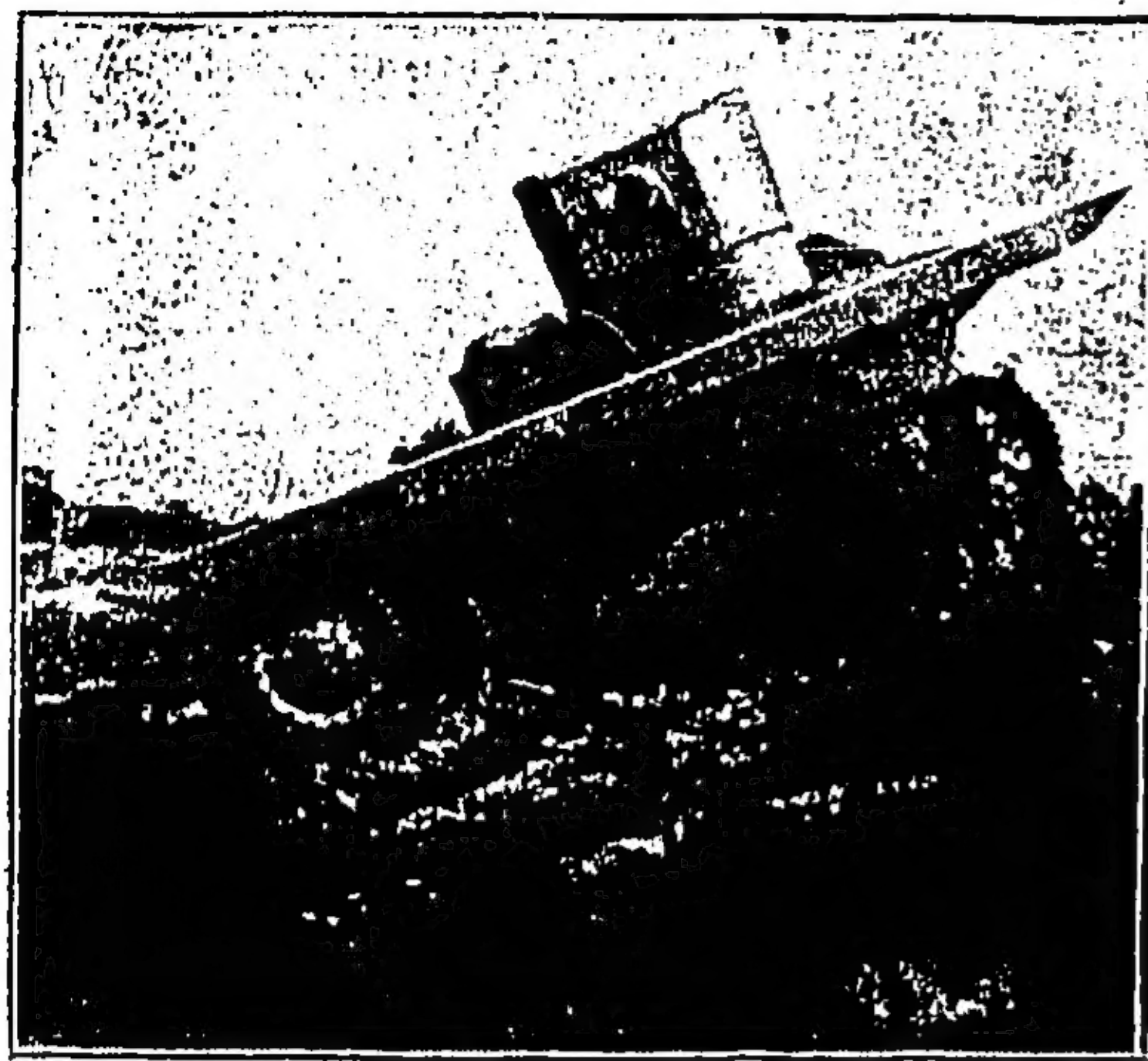
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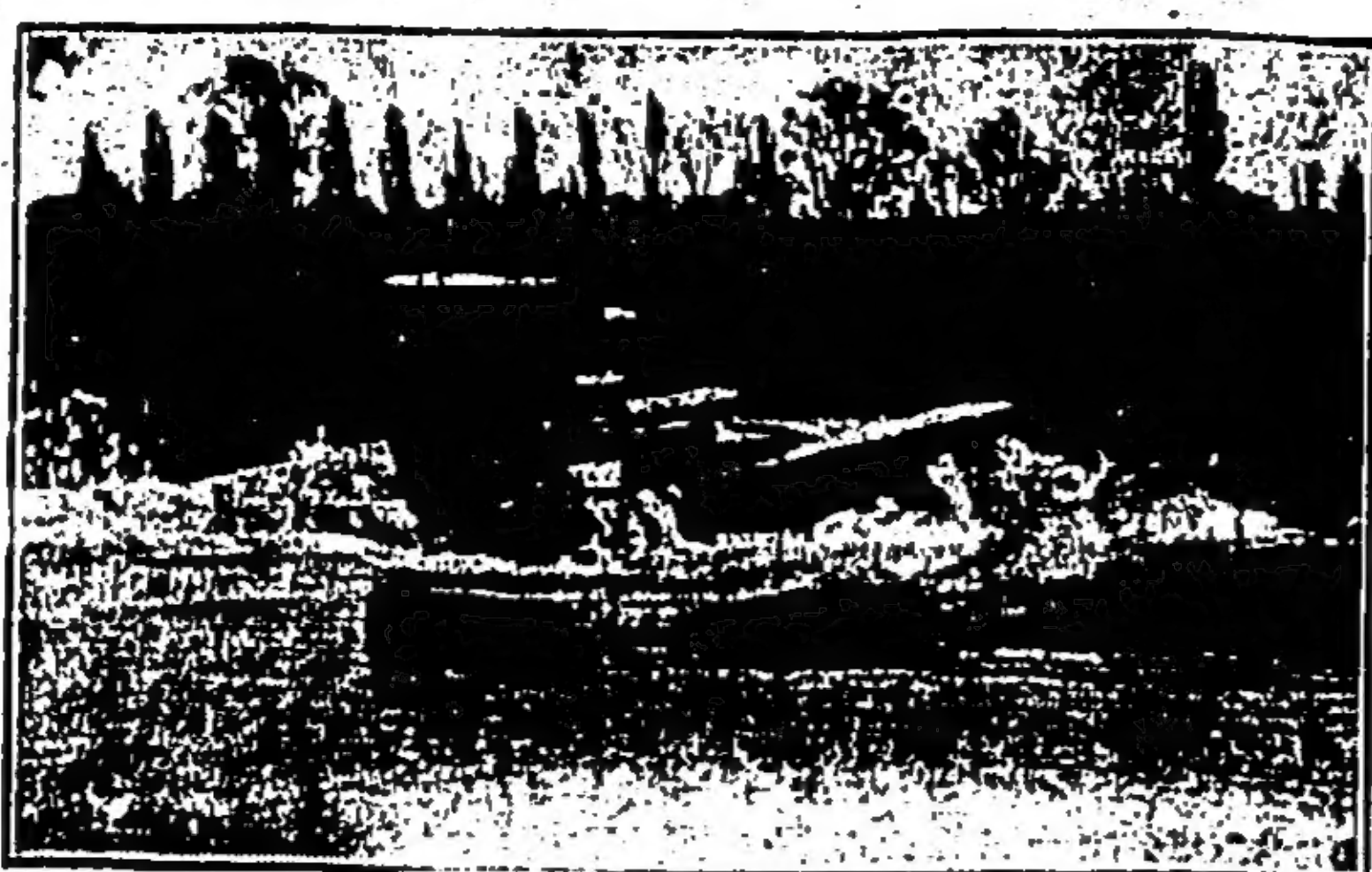
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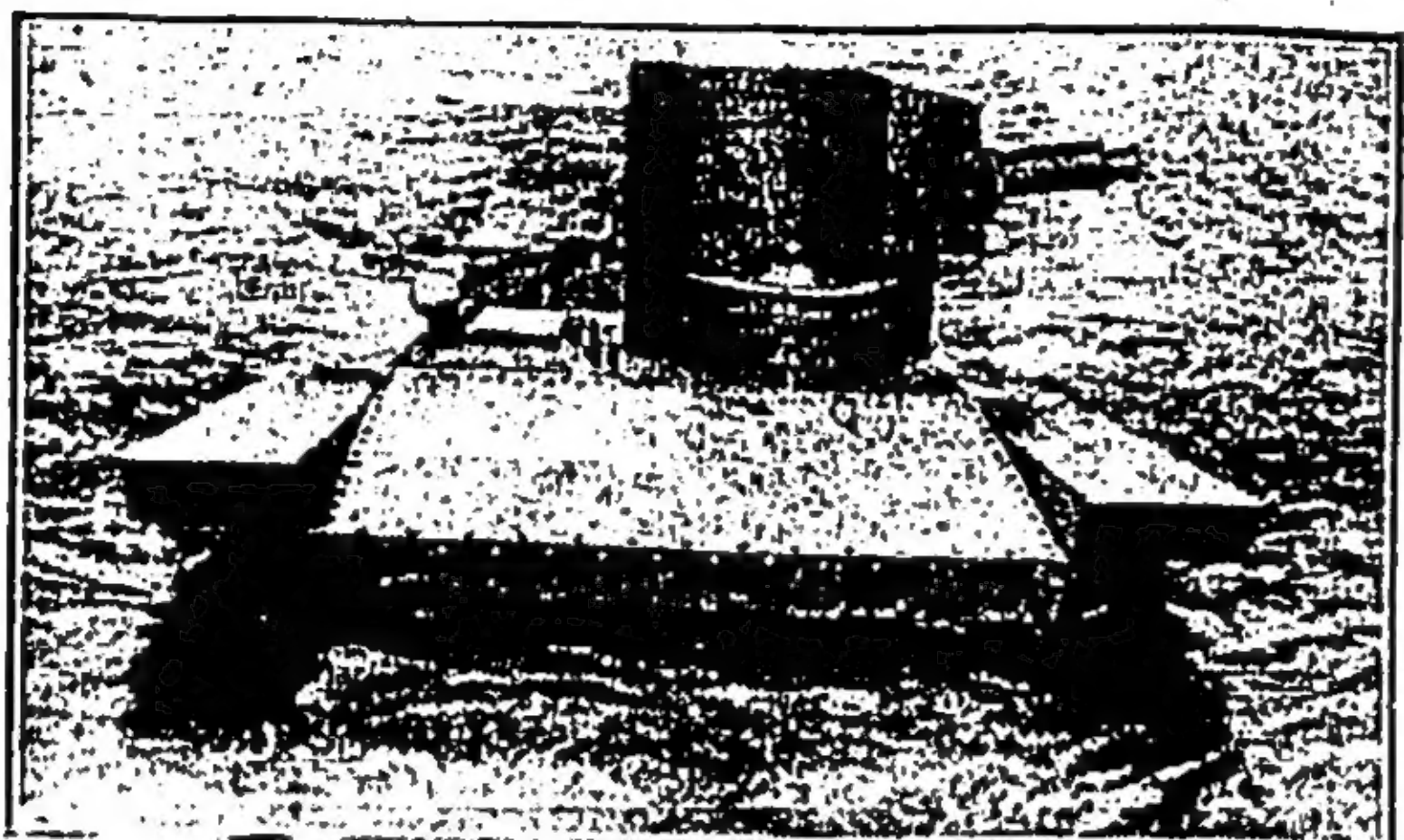
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This picture shows the amphibian tank coming ashore after "swimming" the Thames. It has a special propeller enabling it to do 6 knots an hour. On land, its speed is 40 m.p.h.—(Times copyright).



A close-up of the gun turret ready for action while the amphibian tank is crossing a river. Only high explosives can put it out of action.—(Times copyright).

DEMPSEY'S NEXT?



Miss Lavon Vincent, University of Utah beauty contest winner whose friendship with Jack Dempsey, former heavyweight champion, has led to reports of a romance.

GUILTY LIPS

BEGIN HERE TO-DAY.

Pretty Norma Kent, 20-year-old secretary, marries Mark Travers, millionaire's son, in spite of the opposition of Mark's father, F. M. Travers.

The story opens in Marlboro, middle-western metropolis. After an extravagant honeymoon at fashionable Blue Springs the couple return to Marlboro. Soon they face poverty and hard times. Mark secures a job in a department store. The young couple are just beginning to make their problems when Mark's father sends for him and offers him a place in his own business organization if the son will prove he can make good. Mark's first assignment involves a business trip to France. Norma must remain at home.

Norma, rarely treated at her father-in-law's home after Mark is gone, sits alone, leaving no trace of her whereabouts. Chris Saunders, Norma's former roommate, helps her find a job.

Mark's father employs detectives to trail Norma three years before had been convicted on a vice charge. In spite of evidence that the charge was framed Travers sends his lawyer to Paris to secure a divorce. Weeks later Norma receives a letter telling her the divorce has been granted.

In August Norma's son is born. When the baby is six months old Norma returns to her former job. One Sunday Mark's mother sees her with the baby. A few days later she is called home from the office. The baby is gone.

CHAPTER XLIII

Norma leaned helplessly against the door. "Gone?" she repeated as though she had not heard correctly. "Why, what do you mean?"

Mrs. Carey nodded. "The baby's gone," she said. "I couldn't stop them. I did everything I could but the woman came back with a policeman."

White, wild-eyed, Norma seemed suddenly to clutch at the other woman's meaning. "Where's he gone?" she shrieked. "Where is Mark? Oh, what's happened?" She grasped Mrs. Carey's arm and would have shaken her.

The other woman stepped back. "Mercy, Mrs. Travers, you mustn't carry on like this! It's terrible I know, but I couldn't stop them. You've got to get hold of yourself. I'll tell you just what happened if you'll listen."

Norma ran to Mark's bed. The little blanket was rumpled and thrown back but the bed was empty. Norma whirled.

"Where is he?" she cried. "Why don't you tell me what's happened? Oh, Mark, Mark!—my little baby—where is he?"

It was all of five minutes before Mrs. Carey could get the story out. The woman was pathetic in her helplessness. Mrs. Carey said she was washing dishes from her noon-day lunch when there was a knock at the door. She opened it to find a woman who said she came from the city welfare department. She wanted to know if Mrs. Norma Travers lived in the apartment and then asked to see the baby.

"I thought it was queer," Mrs. Carey said, "but I let her come in. Mark was in his bed, not asleep, but just lying there with those big eyes wide open. The woman looked at him and asked how old he was. Then she said there'd been a complaint about a six-months-old baby being neglected and that she'd come to take the child. I told her she'd do no such thing! I said I was taking care of the baby and being paid for it and if anyone said Mark was being neglected he was a natural-born liar. Well, she supposed that was all there'd be to it. She went away but about 10 minutes later she was back with a policeman beside her.

"What could I do, Mrs. Travers? The policeman said it was right and I'd have to let her take the baby. By that time I was so flustered I couldn't hardly tell my own name. They said they were taking Mark to keep until after there'd been an investigation or something like that. I got out of his little cot and he began to cry as soon as the woman picked him up. The minute they left I telephoned you. There's something wrong. I know that much! With you slaving away and working so hard for that baby. Why, the very idea—!"

Norma stopped her. She had been weeping but now she dried her eyes. "Do you know where they went?" she demanded. "We've got to find Mark!"

"There's a big office down at the City Hall," Mrs. Carey volunteered. "I was down there once. It's the place where the men work who run the welfare department. That might be the place to go. I don't know though—I don't know if you'd find the baby there!"

Already Norma was on her feet. "You've got to come with me, Mrs. Carey!" she declared. "We've got to get Mark! Come on—there isn't any time to lose! We'll have to hurry!"

With her coat pulled on over her house-dress, a felt hat jammed on at an angle, Mrs. Carey was half-pushed and half-pulled down the two flights of stairs. On the street Norma signalled a taxicab and told the driver to take them to the City Hall.

During the ride Norma alternately wept and asked questions. She wanted to know what the woman had said. What did she mean by saying Mark was neglected? Who had complained?

Mrs. Carey repeated what she had said before. There was nothing new. The woman was almost as distraught as Norma herself. She was in no condition to comfort the girl.

"How're they going to get the baby's formula right?" she moaned. "He ought to be having his bottle right now. Like as not he's crying for it, the poor little darling!"

Norma twined her fingers together. She was staring ahead as though she had not heard.

The cab stopped and the women got out. They went up stone steps and into a marble-floored corridor. Mrs. Carey led the way down a narrower passage to a door marked "City Welfare Department."

"This is the place," she whispered and opened the door.

Half a dozen men and women were standing before a high counter. Beyond in a large room a man and two women sat at desks. There was a young woman at the counter. A swinging gate led from the small enclosure to the larger room.

Without a moment's hesitation Norma passed through this gate. One of the women arose.

"What is it you want?" she said sharply.

"Is this the City Welfare Department? I've come for my baby—"

"What?"

"If you'll go back behind the counter," the woman said, "and wait your turn Miss Eberhardt will consider your case. You'll have to wait on the other side of the counter!" The woman accepted her words harshly.

"But you don't understand," Norma exclaimed. "I'm not here to wait. I tell you I've come for my baby!"

The man at the far desk had come forward. Everybody in the room was eyeing Norma.

"Perhaps I'd better talk to her," the man said quietly. With a nod toward Norma he said, "Will you come with me?"

Mrs. Carey clutched the girl's arm. They went through another door, following the man.

It was a smaller office. The man dropped into the desk chair and waved Norma and Mrs. Carey to seats. "Now then," he said, "what is it you're so excited about?"

Norma and Mrs. Carey tried to talk at once. In the end it was the older woman who got out the more coherent story. The man listened silently, nodding occasionally. When he understood what they were trying to tell him he pushed an electric desk button. A girl appeared at the door. "Bring Miss Clinton's report," he told her.



The above picture, taken in the International Settlement, Shanghai, shows a power in a shop window confessing that the Manager is prepared to be put in a wooden cage if it can be proved that he is dealing in Japanese goods. Any employees using Japanese goods will be discharged, adds the notice, which concludes with an exhortation to the public "never to import or use Japanese goods again."

In a moment the girl was back with some cards. She laid them on the desk and departed.

"Now then," said the social worker, after studying these cards, "I'm sorry to tell you, Mrs. Travers, that you can't take your son home this evening. As our investigator explained to the—er nurse—when she took the child a complaint has been made. This complaint calls for complete and thorough investigation. Pending such action we must see that the baby is cared for properly. You have been charged with neglecting the child, being away for long periods of the day."

"No, now—don't interrupt me!" he went on, more severely. "These charges must be investigated. If they are groundless the child will come back to you. If not, the matter will come into open court. There is nothing whatever that you can do about the situation this evening. Your child is being given excellent care but it is impossible for you to see him. There is nothing for you to worry about. We have the infant's welfare at heart and yours too."

"I won't go!" Norma cried hotly. "I won't go until you let me have Mark! You've no right to take him away from me. You've no right!"

The hysterical outburst lasted several minutes. At the end of that time Mrs. Carey found herself in the corridor with the sobbing Norma in her arms.

"We'll go home," Mrs. Carey tried to make her voice soothing. "We'll go home, honey, and come back to-morrow! Maybe Miss Saunders will know what to do. There, there! You mustn't carry on this way!"

It taxed all Mrs. Carey's resourcefulness to get the girl into another taxicab and headed back for the apartment. It was after five when they arrived there and Chris Saunders had come ahead of them.

Chris heard the afternoon's events indignantly. And immediately she had a solution. "We'll call Bob Farrell!" she exclaimed.

"What you need is a lawyer, Norma! Why, the idea of coming into a person's home that way and taking a baby! I never heard of such a thing! You need a lawyer who knows how to go after such

things. I'm going to call Bob this minute!"

She ran downstairs. Ten minutes later she was back to report, "Bob's coming over right away. I caught him just as he got in the house. He said he'd start right away."

Half an hour later—and for the third time—the story was reviewed for Farrell's benefit. Mrs. Carey was called in and the young man questioned her. She and Chris had poured forth sympathy for Norma and berated the welfare department.

Bob's attitude was quite different. Norma's face was red and swollen from weeping but she was dry-eyed now. Her lips pressed together in a line that strove to remain firm. Eyeing the girl soberly, Farrell said:

"We've got to get at what's back of this thing, Norma. It's not the welfare department, you know. They have plenty to do without going out of their way for work. Of course when a complaint's made, as they told you, they have to go after it. Now who do you suppose made that complaint?"

"I don't know!"

"It's someone who evidently has a grudge. Spite work, most likely. 'Who could want to hurt Norma?' Chris asked indignantly.

"Well, that's the first thing to find out! I know a couple of fellows in the City Hall," Farrell went on speculatively, "who might know something. I'll tell you what I'll do, Norma! I'll get to work to-morrow. Mark's all right. You don't need to worry about that. And we're going to get him back!"

He telephoned at noon next day. Norma was at the office. He promised to call for her at five o'clock. "Yes, I've found out a few things," Farrell said. "Tell you about it when I see you."

The girl cheered slightly, but the afternoon hours dragged. A few minutes before five o'clock Bob arrived. Norma put on coat and hat and they left the office.

"Tell me what you've found out!" she begged.

"Wait until we get into the car," Farrell said. "We can't talk here."

He was not willing to open the subject until they were out of downtown traffic and driving along a quiet side street. Then, without looking at the girl, Farrell said:

BANDIT QUESTION.

JAPAN INSISTS ON SAFEGUARDS.

Tokyo, Dec. 2.

New difficulties in the solving of the Manchurian question appear to have cropped up, judging from the views of the official spokesman on the creation of a neutral zone.

"It is insufficient for the Chinese merely to withdraw their troops within the Great Wall," he said. "It is necessary for Chang Heueh-liang's government at Chinchow also to be withdrawn."

He declared that so long as Chang Heueh-liang retained his government at Chinchow there was bound to be tension, as he would have a base in Manchuria from which to direct the activities of bandits against the Japanese.

Japan therefore proposed that Yunnan China-tai's government of Mukden should control the neutral zone after the withdrawal of the Chinchow government.—Reuter.

Wants Free Hand with Bandits.

Tokyo, Dec. 2.

Authoritative quarters declare that if the League resolution refrains from giving the Japanese the right to engage in operations against the bandits, Japan will be unable to accept it.

It is emphasized that Japan has no desire to control Manchuria, but insists on the right to deal with the bandits and other lawless elements whom, it is asserted, the Chinchow authorities are actively inciting and assisting.—Reuter.

"I found out a lot of things, Norma. I think I know who engineered that business yesterday. I think I know who's back of it."

"Who?"

"The Travers family! And I'll tell you what else I found out. They mean to fight the thing. Norma. They're after the boy."

"But Bob! Oh, how can they? There isn't any way they could take him from me, is there? Oh, there can't be!"

Farrell was still eyeing the road. "I don't like to say this, Norma. There is a way. Yes! But if you feel the way I think you do—if you're willing to go ahead with it—I know a way you can fight them!"

(To be Continued).

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Entries close at 12 o'clock Noon on Monday, 7th December, 1931.

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Such Additional Shares will be issued at par. The full nominal amount of \$5 per share will be payable on acceptance of the offer on or before 1st February, 1932, in the case of shareholders whose Registered Address is in the Colony of Hongkong. In the case of shareholders whose registered address is outside the Colony of Hong Kong, the date for payment will be 1st April, 1932.

The Transfer Books will be closed from 2nd January, 1932, to 9th January, 1932, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board
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SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
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Hongkong, 3rd December, 1931.

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Douglas, \$21½ n.
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Benquet, \$10½ n.
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Kowloon Wharves, \$152 n.
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South China Motors \$10 n.
Providents (old) \$5.30 b.
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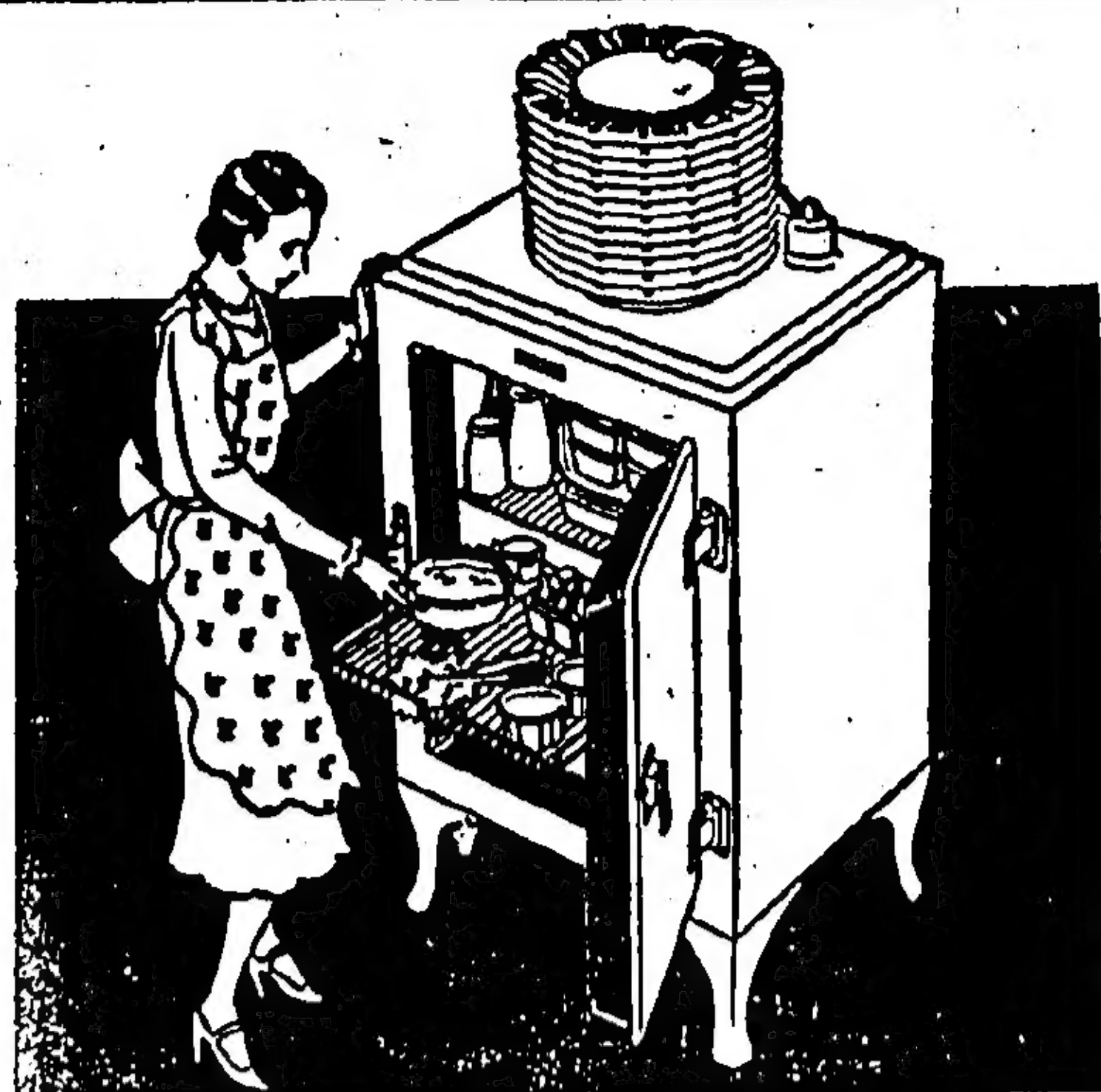
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| U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shang- hai (San Francisco, 20th Novem- ber) | | Pres. Wilson | December 14. |
| OUTWARD MAILS. | | Per | Date and Time |
| Swatow | | Hydrangea | Thurs., Dec. 3, 3 p.m. |
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| | | Reg., | Dec. 3, 4.30 p.m. |
| | | Letters, | Dec. 3, 4.30 p.m. |
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| | | Reg., | Dec. 3, 5 p.m. |
| | | Letters, | Dec. 3, 6 p.m. |
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| Shanghai, *Japan and *Europe via Siberia | | Rawalpindi | Fri., Dec. 4, 10.30 a.m. |
| Saloon, *Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa and *South American Ports | | Montevideo Maru | Fri., Dec. 4, 10.30 a.m. |
| Holhow, Pakhoi and Haiphong | | Solviken | Fri., Dec. 4, 11.30 a.m. |
| Bangkok | | Bintang | Fri., Dec. 4, 12.30 p.m. |
| Swatow, Amoy and Foochow | | Haiching | Fri., Dec. 4, 1 p.m. |
| Holhow, Pakhoi and Haiphong | | Kiungchow | Fri., Dec. 4, 3.30 p.m. |
| Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., Central and South America and *Europe via Vancouver B.C., and *Europe via Siberia | | Empress of Canada | Fri., Dec. 4. |
| | | Parcels | Dec. 4, 5 p.m. |
| | | Reg., | Dec. 5, 8.45 a.m. |
| | | Letters, | Dec. 5, 9.30 a.m. |
| | | (Due Vancouver B.C., 20th Nov.) | |
| Amoy | | Tilawa | Fri., Dec. 4, 5 p.m. |
| Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles | | Rajputana | Sat., Dec. 5. |
| | | K.P.O. | |
| | | Reg., | Dec. 4, 4.30 p.m. |
| | | Letters, | Dec. 5, 9 a.m. |
| | | G.P.O. | |
| | | Reg., | Dec. 4, 5 p.m. |
| | | Letters, | Dec. 5, 9.45 a.m. |
| | | (Due Marseilles, 1st January, 1932) | |
| Manila | | Pres. Madison | Sat., Dec. 5, 4.30 p.m. |
| *Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Brisbane | | Sydney Maru | Sat., Dec. 5. |
| | | Parcels | 3 p.m. |
| | | Registration | 4.15 p.m. |
| | | Letters | 5 p.m. |
| | | (Due Brisbane, 10th December) | |
| Amoy | | Yuensang | Sat., Dec. 5, 5 p.m. |
| Shanghai, Japan and *Europe via Siberia | | Khyber | Sat., Dec. 5, 5 p.m. |
| Bangkok via Swatow | | Anshun | Sun., Dec. 6, 8.30 a.m. |
| Swatow, Amoy and Formosa | | Canton Maru | Sun., Dec. 6, 9 a.m. |
| Saloon, *Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles | | Felix Roussel | Tues., Dec. 8. |
| | | K.P.O. | |
| | | Reg., | Dec. 8, 1 p.m. |
| | | Letters, | Dec. 8, 1 p.m. |
| | | G.P.O. | |
| | | Reg., | Dec. 8, 1.45 p.m. |
| | | Letters, | Dec. 8, 2.30 p.m. |
| | | (Due Marseilles, 8th January) | |
| Swatow, Amoy and Foochow | | Hai Ning | Tues., Dec. 8, 2 p.m. |
| Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., *Canada, Central and South Ame- rica and *Europe via San Francisco and *Europe via Siberia | | President Coolidge | Tues., Dec. 8. |
| | | Parcel, | Dec. 8, 3 p.m. |
| | | Reg., | Dec. 8, 8.45 p.m. |
| | | Letters, | Dec. 8, 4.30 p.m. |
| | | (Due San Francisco, 20th Dec.) | |
| Swatow | | Daviken | Tues., Dec. 8, 5 p.m. |
| Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., *Canada, Central and South America and *Europe via San Francisco | | Anama Maru | Wed., Dec. 9. |
| | | Registration | Dec. 9, 5 p.m. |
| | | Letters | Dec. 9, 8.30 a.m. |
| | | (Due San Francisco, 20th Dec.) | |
| Sandakan | | Mausang | Wed., Dec. 9, 10.30 a.m. |
| Shanghai, Japan and *Europe via Siberia | | Sphinx | Wed., Dec. 9, 2.30 p.m. |
| Ordinary Letters only for Europe unsubscribed "Via Siberia" Air Mail Shanghai—Manchouli | | Sphinx | Wed., Dec. 9. |
| | | K.P.O. | Dec. 9, 1 p.m. |
| | | G.P.O. | Dec. 9, 3.50 p.m. |
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WOMEN'S WORLD
FOR OUR LADY READERS.

THREE STUDIES IN BLACK AND WHITE.



Black and white best exemplify the use of contrast in the Paris new mode. Left to right: An evening coat composed black velvet with ermine. Heavy white marocain, black accessories and a scarf hemmed with seal fashion an afternoon ensemble. A black velvet and ermine evening wrap is shown on a white marocain dress.

MATCH-UP YOUR
MAKE-UP.

Some of the new season's clear and vivid colours demand an entirely new form of make-up. Green, nasturtium-orange, and absinthe in particular, call for a more complicated complexion. One London beauty specialist has drawn up an interesting colour chart of make-up to harmonise with the more difficult-to-wear shades.

For wearing with absinthe a dry, dark brunette rouge is advised, in conjunction with a dark-red lipstick, brown eye-shadow, and rachel powder.

Green Eyelashes.

Green eyelashes are a startling item in the make-up planned for wearing with white. A foundation of bronze-tinted lotion is spread over the skin and a light rose rouge and light bronze powder are applied.

The eyes are shadowed with bright green to match the eyelashes. A flame-coloured lipstick completes the colour scheme.

The same rather startling eye make-up is suggested for wearing with some shades of green, the complementary colours being nasturtium rouge, flame lipstick, and banana-punch powder.

Eyelashes and eyelids of the same colour as the dress is another novel suggestion for those who wear pale blue. The same in this case is light, as for blondes, and the powder a very pale pink.

Titian-Coloured Rouge.

Nasturtium is more easily worn if a tangerine dry rouge, ochre powder, violet eye-shadow, and a light

TO-DAY'S RECIPE.

Sweet Lemon.

Here is a pudding that many will delight in; mix the grated zest of a lemon—it should first be rubbed with a damp cloth—with four heaped tablespoonfuls of flour; the same amount of baked bread-crumbs, and rather more, but not much more, of shredded suet. Mix well; when that is done, work in a well-beaten egg, the strained juice of that same lemon, a tablespoonful of treacle, and about half-a-dozen—tablespoonfuls of milk. Mix, mix, Mix! Then put the lot into a well buttered basin and steam away for a couple of hours or so; it will not take nearly so long to put away. If a sauce, then this: strained and hot lemon juice, with enough treacle in it to allow it to remain thin. Some people use golden syrup instead of the treacle.

red lipstick are used. Shades of light brown are echoed in the make-up with which these colours are worn.

In this case Titian-coloured rouge, flame lipstick, warm brown eye-shadow, brown mascara for the eyelashes, and a pale-brown powder are advised.

For Black.

Finally, for wearing with black, a foundation of fleecy skin lotion, light rose rouge, blue or violet eye-shadow, and eyelash cosmetic. Fine or peach-coloured powder, and a light red lipstick are decreed.

Little compact cases containing a mirrored lid, cake of eyelash cosmetic and two bone-handled eyelash brushes are obtainable. These include the new shades of green and blue for eyelashes.

HAIRDRESSING
FASHIONS.

The Victorian millinery which women have adopted so unreservedly bids fair to revolutionise hair-dressing fashions.

The new bonnets, Gbangary or otherwise, have created the need for at least the effect of a bun, and Eve's tresses are expected to be long enough to-day to give the illusion of a cluster of hair, either in the form of the old-fashioned knob or the more popular turned-under coil.

The day of shingles, bingles, and short "bobs" has gone—at least for the present. Women who, three or four years ago, vowed by all the laws of personal hygiene that short hair was "the last word in comfort" are utilising every means in their power to persuade their short locks to grow fashionably long in order—no, not to look more charming—but to display the new hats to the best advantage.

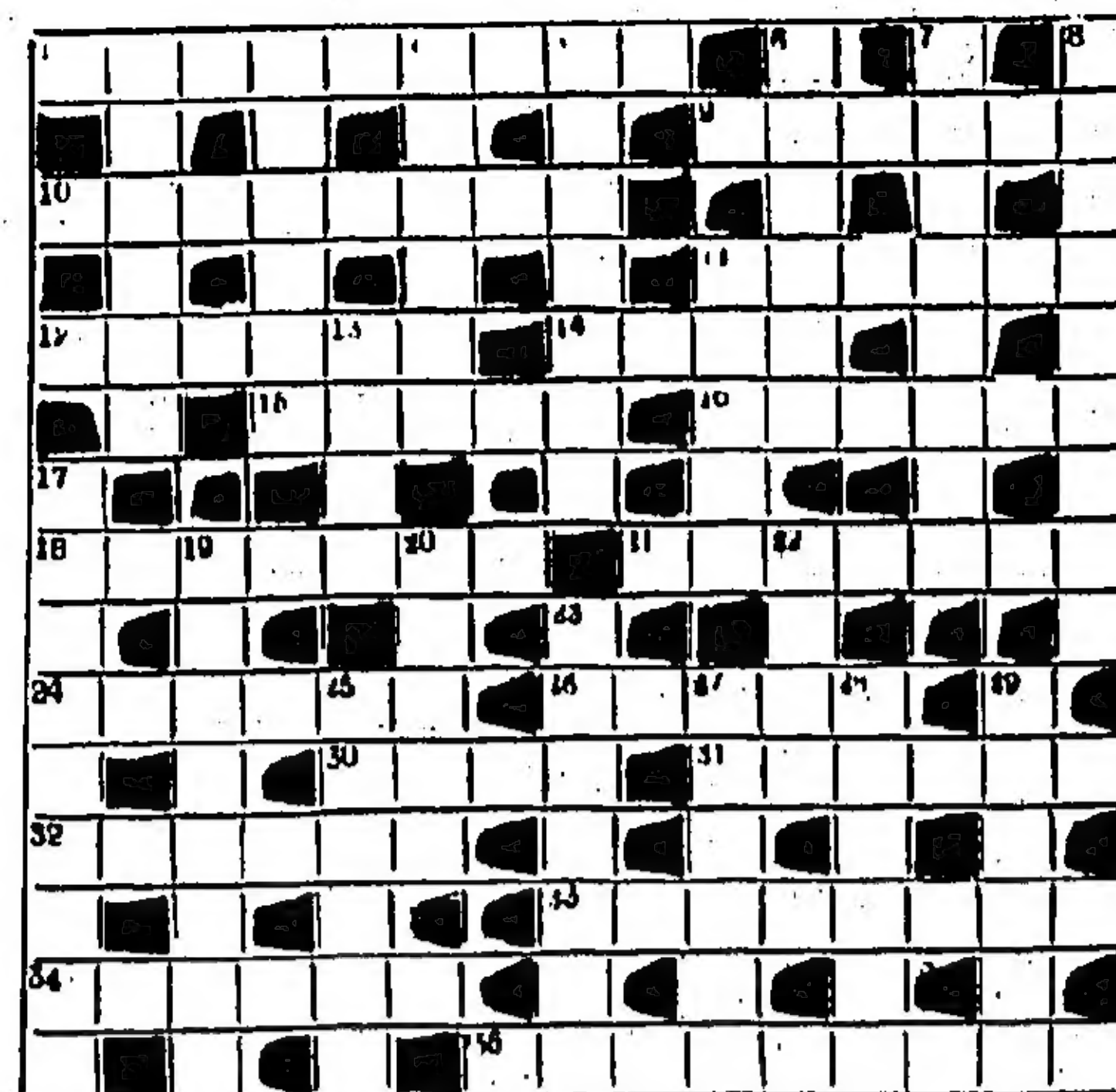
TO-DAY'S BEAUTY HINT.

With the arrival of hats with up-turned back brims, necks have assumed a new importance in beauty treatment.

For discoloration or sunburnt neck message the neck with a bleaching cream instead of using a cleansing cream. Do not use water on a sun-burned neck. Then press in with the finger-tips a cooling and bleaching lotion, finally applying a bleaching skin food, to be left on overnight.

For thin, scraggy necks a special skin food, composed of vegetable oils and balsam, is obtainable. This is worked into the skin at night with the pads of the fingers.

OUR BRITISH CROSSWORDS.



Across

- 1 "Hi! Raw Tyro," be sure that the plane is O.K.
- 9 "Those that with haste will make a—first begin it with weak straws"—"Julius Caesar."
- 10 Cogitation will give a thing with ink in it.
- 11 A rink enthusiast favoured by the fair sex.
- 12 Fly, as of old, beside the engineer for plunder.
- 14 Seen in Folkestone.
- 16 Give the old chief magistrate a penny and get out of the way quickly.
- 16 In the background.
- 18 Descriptive of a peer's robes. Mine is in a mixed red.
- 21 A poem on agriculture.
- 24 With this Captain Macnath would have been happy.
- 26 Here one digs up old-fashioned entertainment.
- 30 If all I do is useless, what happens? (bitter).
- 31 Table appointment made by the family after a little sleep.
- 32 Four into three won't go, but four into rather less than three will do very well.
- 33 Sounding like advice to the artist this Devon beauty spot offers him every inducement to do so.
- 34 Room in a church.
- 35 They are still unpaid—including the literary men.

Down

- 2 Healthy within, tho' turned about. Just take a breath and you'll see it.
- 3 Done in a one-eyed way.
- 4 Well scolded and sent by train.
- 5 Seemingly the old crone went first and did the bargaining.
- 6 Ill-treat.
- 7 Sing about a hill—a song of

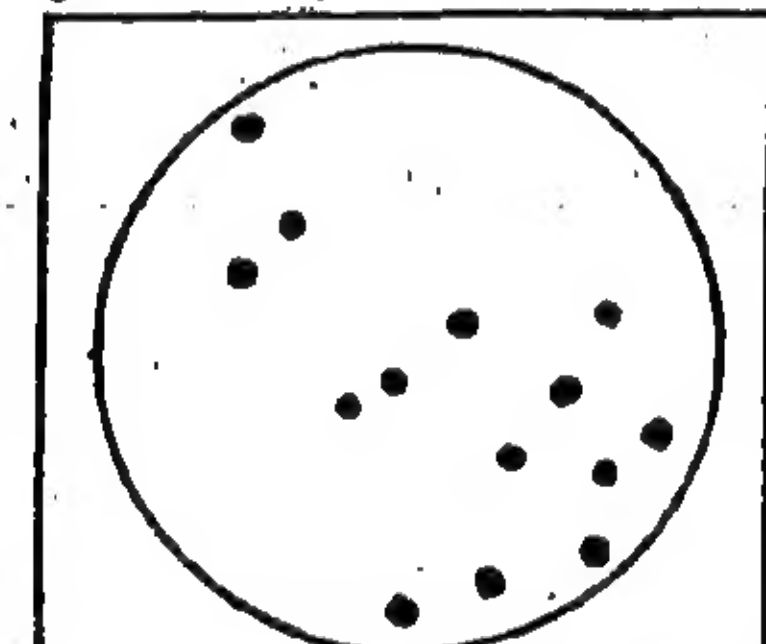
two six-pences?

- 8 As glycerine is to soap.
- 11 "Would need to be a strong rope indeed, so easily to gird the globe."
- 18 Create.
- 17 A favourite and very efficient character, common in modern fiction, who if his third letter is changed would not be efficient.
- 19 Though not hard, you'd better sleep on this.
- 20 Keep the Royal Institution in your eye when building this home.
- 22 Italian lake.
- 23 Take nothing from the banished Duke of Milan, and he will get on well—thus.
- 25 Potential ingredients of future recipes.
- 27 "Rich gifts wax poor when givers prove"—"Hamlet."
- 28 All the wood in this old musical instrument is inside.
- 29 An unbeliever about whom Byron had a good deal to say.

Yesterday's Solution.

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U O B I V U I T S
R E U N I O N I R A G E S
E C T O A F I O N
B O M E L E S S N E S S

STICKERS



Above are 14 dots, in a circle. With one curved line the circle may be divided into two parts, equal in size and shape, and each part will contain just seven dots. Can you do it?

Yesterday's Solution.

1. DROWNING
2. DOWNING
3. OWING
4. WING
5. WIN
6. WIN
7. IN
8. I
The above shows how "Drowning" may be changed to seven other words by taking out one letter for each new word.

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London (2/12/31).—Large business has been done in Refined Sugar. Rumoured sale of 75,000 tons Java Muscovades Nos. 12/14 to Refiners at 6/6 per cwt. C.I.F. U.K. generally supposed to be the cause of heavy buying on London Raw Terminal Market.

SUGAR MARKET.

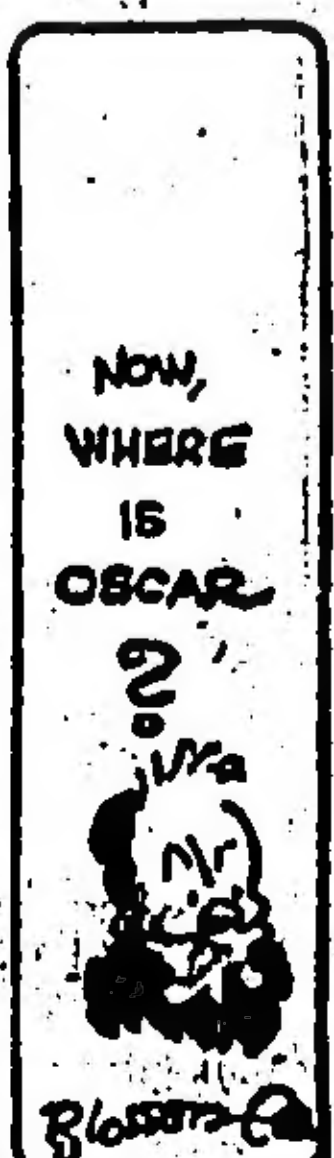
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The following cable at the close of the sugar market yesterday has been received by Messrs. Penbreath and Co.

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THURSDAY DECEMBER 3, 1931.

THE ROUND TABLE CONFERENCE.

The spectre of communal strife hung mockingly over the Round Table Conference to the end, India, desperately in need of a provisional settlement, must go unsatisfied, not because the will is lacking in Britain, but because the Indian delegates were unable to patch up their differences. All the Prime Minister could really do in winding up the prolonged discussions was to remove, finally, the suspicion, mysteriously aroused, that the National Government was hostile to the Conference, its aims and objects. The assurance was given that the present government is fully in sympathy with India's aspirations, that an All-India Federation and responsibility at the Centre is still the goal of those in authority at Westminster. The assurance is to be given greater authority by the publication of Mr. Ramsay MacDonald's declaration as a White Paper, to be endorsed by both Houses of Parliament. So far as it goes, it is satisfactory. The Governors' Provinces in future are to be granted a large measure of autonomy. The North West Frontier Province is to gain new status. The same applies to Sind. But the real issue, the future constitution of India as a whole, is placed on one side, by virtue of necessity. The communal issue proved the complete bar to progress. The Conference would not have ended in the manner outlined but for Hindu obstinacy and disunity. The Moslems presented a strong front and a set of hard demands. They carried the smaller minorities with them and presented the Hindus with a group agreement which, if self-Government had not meant Hindu-government to the Hindus, offered a prospect of peace. It was summarily rejected and despite all that has been said to the contrary, the second meeting of the Conference has ended in failure. When all is said and done, the Prime Minister's eagerly awaited declaration of the Government's policy, in the last analysis goes no farther than his statement of January last. The goal remains the same, but progress towards it is not, at present, discernible, unless meaning is attached to Mr. MacDonald's declaration that if the Indians are unable to agree among themselves, the Government will be compelled to apply a provisional scheme. Our own view is that the problem cannot be solved in that manner. No Federal scheme is, in our opinion, workable unless all the parties thereto are harmonised by their

own efforts, disciplined by their own undertakings.

Of main importance to-day, however, is the manner in which India will receive the news of the postponement of responsible government. The outlook is gloomy. Threats of renewed civil disobedience are being made, and in more than one province, there are ugly premonitions of a no-rent campaign, likely to be more definite than the attempts of last year because of the increased agrarian distress. The Prime Minister's statement offers nothing to the enthusiasts. The best that can be hoped is that Mr. Gandhi's expression of thanks indicated a sincere appreciation of the difficulties.

True Munificence.

There are people who amass wealth and keep it to themselves; others, who, when riches come their way, make a point of remembering those less well-to-do. As he once again indicated in the announcement which he made yesterday, Sir Robert Ho Tung belongs to the unselfish class. Having already achieved a reputation of spending with almost prodigal liberality on others, Sir Robert has now decided to make a munificent gift of \$200,000 to the Colony. The manner of allocation of this big sum is characteristic of the man—it is to be spent on the needy. Half will be devoted to the creation of a Children's Welfare Centre in the New Territories, and the remainder to the provision of free education for poor children in the eastern district of the city. Thus does Sir Robert once again dispense with a free hand some of the wealth which he has accumulated as the result of his keen business instincts, his foresight and his perseverance. It may come as a surprise to many people to know that in his early life Sir Robert knew what it was to go without very many things which he would have liked to enjoy. But, although born in humble surroundings, he set out in life with a determination to make good. How well he has succeeded everybody knows. It is worth recalling that his first position was in the indoor staff of the Maritime Customs in Canton, which he entered on leaving school. He was the only one selected, in a competitive examination, out of twenty candidates, of which he was the youngest. For two years he remained in this post, earning a meagre salary of about \$30 per month. There is no need to trace his career through to the high eminence which he has now reached, but it will not be out of place to remark that the habits of thrift and caution which he has since displayed were inculcated when, as a lad, he made a practice of saving a few cents daily from his small tiffin allowance. From the money so saved, he always aimed at saving something for aged beggars, thus demonstrating a thoughtfulness for others less blessed than himself which he has carried with him throughout his life. Coupled with this trait is the further characteristic by which he is known of condemning extravagance in any form. Sir Robert is a true believer in the maxim that waste, under any circumstances, is unpardonable. He has built up his success by qualities which have stood him in good stead whatever the circumstances he has been called upon to face. On the happy occasion on which he and his life's partner have received the felicitations of innumerable friends, he has added yet another claim to be remembered as one who never forgets those less well-circumstanced than himself.

HOUSE COOLIE SENTENCED.

STOLE A TIN OF FLOOR POLISH.

A charge of theft of a tin of Johnson's floor polish was brought against a house coolie employed by Mrs. I. O'Connor, of 1, Chatham Path, on his appearance before Mr. Williams at the Central Police Court this morning. The defendant, who had been in the complainant's service for the past four months, was arrested early this morning by an Indian constable in May Road at its junction with Chatham Path. He was carrying a basket in which was the tin of wax, valued at \$2.70. His Worship imposed a fine of \$40, or four weeks' hard labour.

IF YOU LIVED IN RUSSIA THE TOPSY-TURVY LAND OF THE SOVIETS AS SEEN BY JULIA BLANSHARD



Among the forthcoming weddings notified at Shanghai is that of Hugh Raymond Vaughan-Fowler of 1 Soochow Road to Winifred Hazel Fowler of 2 Houston Court.

Mr. B. Paul will speak on "The Ethic Body of Man" at a Public Lecture at the Hongkong Lodge, the Theosophical Society, 17, Queen's Road Central, to-day at 6 p.m.

The following forthcoming weddings are announced:—Mr. Eric Frank Buttress, No. 13, Macdonnell Road, to Miss Doris May Biddeck, who is travelling to Hongkong on board the s.s. Chitral; Mr. Poon Sze-wai, Chinese Y.M.C.A., to Miss Mak Yuk-ying, No. 95, Third Street, West Point.

ALLEGED PERJURY BY THREE BROTHERS.

HIDING IDENTITY OF FATHER.

At the conclusion of an inquest at Lewisham the Coroner (Dr. W. H. Whitehouse) stated that he would send the papers in the case to the Public Prosecutor on account of the perjury which he alleged had been committed by three brothers who were witnesses. The inquest was on Mr. Robert Walter Lomax, a barrister, aged 55, of Brunswick-square, London, W.C., who was knocked down by a large motor-car in High-street, Lewisham, on Saturday afternoon, October 24. The car was driven by Benjamin Wolfe, of Highbury New Park, London, N., and it had been stated that there were also in the car his two brothers, Joseph and Kauffman, and a man and woman as passengers.

When the inquest was opened on October 27 all three brothers stated that they had no idea who the man and woman were except that the man's name was Woodhouse, and that they understood that he came from New Zealand. He and the woman were being driven from London to Folkestone for a visit to the Continent. Later Kauffman Wolfe went into the witness-box and was asked if he had produced the passengers as witnesses.

"I cannot control their movements," he said. "I have tried to find these witnesses. It is not my fault they are not here."

There was a pause, and the Coroner then asked: "Might the man passenger be your father?" Wolfe—I repeat, the name is Woodhouse.

The Coroner—If I consider you are hiding these witnesses and not giving full information I shall commit you to prison. Are you certain that the man in the car was not your father?

After considerable hesitation Wolfe said: "Yes, I admit he was my father."

Benjamin Wolfe, the driver of the car, also admitted that the man was his father. His real name was Charles Wolfe. The Coroner—Why did you deliberately lie to the Court on the last occasion?—I didn't want the world to know the condition my father was in. He is an habitual drunkard. The jury returned a verdict of accidental death, and added that the driver should be censured for negligent driving. They said that the negligence was not sufficient to amount to criminal negligence or manslaughter.

In the land of the Soviets, "equal rights for women" means equal labour, too. Julia Blanshard saw women performing all kinds of jobs. Above, a woman locomotive engineer and woman fireman; girls loading wood on the Volga; below, a woman machinist at a Stalingrad plant.

If you were a woman living in Russia—

You would have "equal rights" with men—whether you wanted them or not.

You would be expected to work and support yourself, and be of as much use in building the new Soviet as any man. There is absolutely no sex discrimination. You could enter any profession and rise to a position of authority, if you made good.

You would find no barriers or prejudices against your doing the heaviest or the most disagreeable kind of manual labour.

You could be a cement mixer, bricklayer, lumberjack, street cleaner, manager of a collective farm, furnace stoker, tractor operator, butcher or head of the government's most important electrical plant.

Russian women have always been used to heavy work. Now it is as if the government has mobilized for the Five-Year Plan and sent them into every field.

"I never had much use for women workers until I came to Russia," is the tribute paid them by Colonel Hugh Cooper, eminent American engineer building Dnieprostrol, the largest dam in the world. "I never even had a woman stenographer at home."

When I came on this job I found I had to consult women engineers, hire woman labourers. And do you know, they are more conscientious and better than men!"

Standing on the top of this dam I looked down hundreds of feet to the temporary road and saw women, with great feet boots on their feet tramping down the new cement.

"We always put one woman at

least on every shift," the official told me. "They raise the morale."

In the Youth Day parade I saw two women sailors, obviously regular "gobs" marching with men sailors.

Russia has two women generals in the Red Army.

Two-thirds of all the medical students in Russia are women.

Women lawyers are legion, women architects work side by side with men on all the new buildings. Travelling in the south of Russia, one night we got off while the train refueled. A woman engineer stepped out of the locomotive's cab. A woman dressed in clumsy felt boots and man's coat, big hose in hand, climbed up and refilled the water tanks.

The next day we saw women laying a railroad track.

The huge "Park of Culture and Rest" in Moscow is run by a young, attractive Russian girl, Betty Glan.

Krupskaya, Lenin's widow, is the tireless foe of illiteracy. Through her efforts Russia is organized with the slogan, "We will teach everybody to read and write by 1933!"

No woman holds a position of supreme importance in the Communist party for no woman belongs to the Supreme Economic Council. But many a local Soviet has a woman head.

I went to one abortion clinic in Moscow. All of the four doctors examining women and performing operations were women.

At one of the district dispensaries I met one of Russia's grand (Continued on Page 9.)



HELENA MAY INSTITUTE.

SUCCESSFUL YEAR REPORTED.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the subscribing members of the Helena May Institute was held this morning, when Mrs. E. R. Hallifax presided over the gathering.

Reference was made to the satisfactory financial position of the Institute, a final profit for the year of \$3,235 being shown.

Mrs. Hallifax, in proposing the adoption of the report and accounts, said:—Ladies.—In presenting to the shareholders the report and accounts for the year ending 31st August 1931, (which in accordance with the usual practice I shall with your permission take as read), the Committee is fortunate in being able to show such a satisfactory financial position. The action taken since the presentation of the last account has resulted in a small profit instead of a loss as last year on the working account of the Main Institute—I shall refer to the Kowloon branch a little later—and after writing off buildings and furniture to the full approved percentage and keeping the buildings in good repair and supporting Kowloon, we are able with the income from our investments to show a final profit of \$3,235 for the year, and to prove by the balance sheet that we are a sound going concern.

Experiment Justified.

And this is so despite the fact that we have carried, as we engaged to do, a part of the cost of the branch institute at Kowloon. I am sure you will agree that the experiment of opening the Branch was fully justified and that we have had full value for our money. We cannot, of course, go on indefinitely supporting the Kowloon branch out of the Parent Institution's funds but after personal inspection and very careful consideration, your Committee has resolved to advise that the experiment be continued for one further year on the responsibility of the Parent Institution at the end of which time the matter will have to be reconsidered.

Some reference is required to the qualified auditor's certificate which appears at the end of the accounts. The qualification is due entirely to the lack of technical experience in keeping the accounts of a registered company in the form that an auditor requires for his audit. There is, however, no reason whatever to suspect irregularity or any leakage of our funds, and a comparison of the expenditure on the Kowloon branch with the results we have been able to show will, I have no doubt, at once convince any members who care to trouble to make the comparison, that our money has been well spent and that we have had value for it. Action, of course, has been taken to ensure that next year the auditors will be able to give us a clean certificate.

Growing Popularity.

Our general activities have been well maintained during the year, but as the details appear in the Report I will not go over them again. I need only say that the Helena May Institute continues its very useful career with success and that it grows in popularity. I now beg to move that the report and accounts for the year ending 31st August, 1931, be adopted and after the motion has been seconded they will be open to discussion.

The motion, after being seconded, was unanimously adopted.

The Report.

The report stated that the present membership stood at 536, and all members resident in Kowloon had been transferred to the Kowloon branch. Proof of the growing activities of the Institute was shown by the accounts, the annual turnover of the working account having increased by about \$10,000 in the last two years.

The social committee reported that eleven concerts were given between October and March, and the Christmas pantomime for the children had a record attendance.

Six lectures were arranged by the educational committee, but they were unfortunately, very badly attended. The committee felt that so many other organisations had lectures etc., that the continuance of lectures at the Institute was not necessary. Classes were held in French, Physical Culture, and dressmaking, but these failed owing to lack of support.

The Kowloon branch reported that in December the rooms were altered and refurnished to supply residence for five girls. The club had run smoothly, and the activities had been well maintained.

A BOOM IN MAP SALES.

DEMAND STIMULATED BY "HIKING."

There is a boom in the sales of maps.

While other branches of the publishing trade have been suffering to a greater or less degree from the present tightness of money, the sales of maps produced by the Ordnance Survey Department have been steadily going up; and for some time past there has been a yearly increase of between two and three thousand in the number of maps sold.

During the past summer, the wet weather to a certain extent deterred people from buying maps; but there are signs that sales are likely to increase considerably in the near future. New methods of map-making are continually being introduced; new needs are being supplied as the occasion demands; the craze for "hiking" has created a fresh demand for small-scale maps; and the general public appears to be becoming "map-mad."

During the past few years many school teachers have made a speciality of explaining the principles of map-making and map-reading to their pupils; and there has been a large demand for the historical maps of Roman Britain and of Seventeenth Century England which were recently published.

A Best Seller.

The Ordnance Survey Department's best seller, however, has been a new type of waterproof map recently put on the market. This map, which is issued in the inch and the quarter-inch editions, is printed on paper specially manufactured and impregnated after printing, and represents an entirely new departure in the technique of map-making.

It can be consulted in rain, snow, or hail, and is guaranteed to withstand the most exasperating English weather without tearing or fading. If dropped in the mud it can be washed with soap and water; and even if run over by a lorry it emerges unscathed.

During the past season, moreover, walkers found a new use for it which not even its proud inventors had conceived. If the weather proved unusually unkind, the map could be unfolded and held over one's head, thus fulfilling the function of an umbrella.

Meanwhile, officials of the Ordnance Survey Department are not content to rest after the triumph new methods of filling public needs.

This year a highly satisfactory start was made with the new small-scale map of England by the issue of the first sheet, covering Plymouth and the surrounding country. This map embodied a new technique, dictated partly by the development of the art topography and partly by the need for cutting down printing expenses.

It has met with general approval. The authorities are, it is understood, about to embark on a new half-inch to a mile map of England.

For Motorists.

They are also giving consideration to the question of producing a map which will cater almost exclusively for the needs of motorists. The recent increase in sales has been due, it is believed, principally to the popularity of walking, and not to the increased number of cars in use. It is consequently believed that, if a satisfactory map can be produced which will serve the needs of motorists, a fresh demand for maps will be created.

This branch of map-making is receiving serious attention; and it is possible that an entirely new set of Ordnance Survey Maps may be evolved which will be topographically correct and at the same time will give every necessary information for motorists.

FILM FIGURES IN RELIEF.

NEW HOLLYWOOD CLAIM.

Has the three-dimensional film arrived?

A new claim that an electrician in a Hollywood studio has taken out 20 patents covering a device which will exhibit motion pictures without the use of a screen, in such way that they will give the illusion of solid reality, may indicate that the promised cinema revolution is on its way.

It has been claimed for years past that stereoscopic films had been perfected; yet for some reason the practical application of these discoveries has always been delayed.

If stereoscopic effects can be projected—as is claimed for the Spoor-Berggren process, which is the best known—the absence of a screen is not so sensational as it sounds.

Ghost-like.

Many years ago, at the Scala Theatre in London, a demonstration was given of an invention

THE EXPANDING UNIVERSE.

SECRET WRUNG FROM HYDROGEN ATOM.

SIR. A. EDDINGTON ON

ULTIMATE DOOM.

Sir Arthur Eddington has been able from the behaviour of the hydrogen atom—the smallest of the atoms—to calculate the rate at which the universe is expanding.

The result is to confirm within 10 per cent. the value previously obtained by astronomers. That value was based on observations of the light emitted from distant spiral nebulae, the interpretation of the results obtained being highly controversial.

Sir Arthur's conclusion is that the universe is expanding at the rate of about one per cent. per 20,000,000 years, and may be expected to double its radius every 1,300,000,000 years.

If the universe were a bubble, he said, it was a bubble which had already burst since it was no longer possible for light to travel completely round it.

The mathematics of Sir Arthur's new work were communicated by him at the recent centenary meeting of the British Association. As President of the Physical Society he delivered his first popular exposition at a meeting at the Imperial College of Science and Technology.

Einstein's Theory.

"It may seem strange that the consideration of so small a thing as the hydrogen atom should lead to such a result," Sir Arthur explained. "What I was doing was to eliminate worldly standards of length and to replace them with the standard supplied by Einstein's theory."

Sir Arthur identified this "natural" standard with a quantity known as the "cosmical constant," which represents the tendency of the universe to expand.

Einstein had invented a universe which had matter in it, but would not expand. De Sitter's universe, on the other hand, would expand, but had been found to contain no matter. The "cosmical constant" was the link which would give Einstein's world a little motion and De Sitter's a little matter.

"This will have an important effect on theories of stellar evolution," Sir Arthur added. "It will reduce the maximum age for the sun to the relatively small figure of 10,000,000,000 years."

Geologists Wrong.

"Geologists have generally favoured an age some 500 times greater, because the more time allowed, the more can happen in it."

"It has also been supposed that all stars were in the first instance big, and that the older ones have become small by radiating away their matter," Sir James Jeans has taken great delight in expounding this view, and whenever I have needed a theory, I have used it myself.

"That belief is no longer possible, and astronomers must seek some other explanation of the fact that the oldest stars are also the smallest."

At the end of his address, Sir Arthur gave a graphic picture of what the end of our world would look like to an observer.

On a definite date in the cosmic calendar, he said, stars, planets, and atoms are doomed to disappear, for what, on our reckoning, is an indefinite time hence would be, on the cosmic time scale, an ordinary finite date.

The End.

"We walk the stage of life for the benefit of the cosmic observer," he concluded. "Watching us for some few thousand million years he sees us gradually shrinking."

"As the scenes proceed he notices that the actors are growing quicker. When the last act opens the curtain rises on midget actors rushing through their parts at frantic speed."

"Smaller and smaller, faster and faster, one last microscopic blur of intense agitation—then nothing."

called Kineplastikon. The illusion of depth was so remarkable that, for example, in one case the figure of a banjoist was made to fit upon a genuine chair which had been placed in position beforehand.

The figures, however, were rather ghost-like, and the effect, on the whole, was unimpressive.

The Kineplastikon method did not lend itself to ordinary projection, and the figures were seen through a gauze.

Its inventor has pegged away since at an arrangement of lenses and machinery to associate his ideas with modern cinematography; but the demonstration he gave some time ago was not so good as spectators had been led to expect.

CINEMA SCREENINGS.

NOTES SUPPLIED BY THE THEATRES.

"The Bat Whispers" is attracting much attention at the Queen's Theatre. With Chester Morris in the featured role, Roland West, producer-director for United Artists, has contributed the most startling hour and a half film entertainment of the year. Each of the superb cast of players is under suspicion at various times as the dare-devil criminal who holds a city in terror. And not until the last minute is the secret of his identity disclosed. The climax is the most surprising bit of drama West has ever developed in his long list of successful productions.

Those who take part in the rapid-fire comedy mystery include Una Merkel, Gustav Von Seyffertitz, George Hamilton, Maude Hampton, Maude Eburne, Charles Dow Clark, Spencer Charters, Richard Tucker, William Bakewell, Ben Bard, S. E. Jennings and Hugh Huntley.

Chester Morris, star of "Alibi," and romantic character of "The Divorcee" and "The Big House," gives an electrifying performance. The picture adds another triumph to his remarkable screen career.

Una Merkel, who played her way into popularity on the Broadway stage before D. W. Griffith cast her for a part in "Abraham Lincoln," is the sweetest part of the production. She proves herself a most capable and finished young leading lady.

You'll enjoy this picture but don't give the secret of it away to your friends. Let them find out for themselves what "The Bat Whispers."

"The Hotentot."

Such strange names as Broomstick, Lazy Days, Shasta Shick, Buttons and others familiar to the race tracks, arouse interest as to their derivation.

According to Roy Del Ruth, who directed Warner Bros.' latest all-talking Vitaphone production, "The Hotentot," which is coming to the Queen's Theatre shortly in which over a score of thoroughbred horses appear, the odd names given to their owners in the majority of cases. Sometimes the owners have pet names, places, friends and sentimental knowledge of which they confer upon their racing steeds. Other times novel events that happen during the rearing of the horse suddenly bring to mind appropriate "monikers" and the horses are given nicknames which remain with them throughout their racing days.

Del Ruth points to Curfew, one of the score or so well known racing horses used in the thrilling steeple-chase scenes of "The Hotentot." Curfew was born at 8 o'clock in the evening in a rural town just as the village bells rang the curfew hour.

The finding of a suitable name was the problem that confronted Victor Slapes and William Collier, well known playwrights, when they finished their famous footlight comedy which they finally called "The Hotentot."

Being well up in book-learning, they knew that Zulus were wild—lions ferocious—and women untamable. But they needed a word that characterized the horse in the play, a word that when in electric lights would convey the entire idea.

Finally they hit upon that remote tribe of African savages known as Hotentots. Here was the word they wanted. It sounded, looked, and meant, just the thing.

As the final gesture of their literary effort, they named their play "The Hotentot." It has been one of the outstanding box office hits in the history of the theatre in America.

In the Vitaphone adaptation of "The Hotentot," which Warner Bros. are bringing to the talking picture screen under Roy Del Ruth's direction, the laughs and thrills of this celebrated footlight success are repeated. The all-star cast includes Edward Horton, Patsy Ruth Miller, Edmund Breese, Edward Earle, Stanley Taylor, Otto Hoffman, Douglas Gerrard, and Maude Turner Gordon. Harvey Thew adapted the piece for Vitaphone.

"Bed and Breakfast."

By special request the King's Theatre will re-screen the British picture "Bed and Breakfast" for one day only. Familiar to the British story of flirtations complications in country studio. Deft direction maintains smooth succession of comedy situations based on predicament of pair forced to pose as man and wife, backed by incidental gags born of diverging characterizations of clever and Cockney. No lack of purely popular action, touches of understatement, good climax, amusing dialogue throughout. Clever portrayal, good settings, fair recording. Dependable booking of exclusively popular pattern.

Although this latest British farce presents little that is new, it presents enough comedy business, amusing dialogue, and clever characterisation to be assured of a welcome from the densely populated patrons. Its familiar opening situation introduces to a pair of ill-assorted couples who exchange partners in order to touch the other pair a lesson, and thus the stage is set for the ensuing farce-comedy developments in a country studio belonging to one of the girls.

This latter, together with the other girl's husband, set out for the studio in a fit of romantic pique, but are forestalled by the other pair, who arrive before them and are mistaken by callers for man and wife. The callers include a portly clerk and his precise wife, and a Cockney book-maker and his adipsed lady, to say nothing of a couple of burglars who are forced to remain mute witnesses of the goings on.

The subsequent comedy of complications may readily be imagined, what with the cleric benignly insisting that

RADIO BROADCAST

CHILDREN'S CONCERT FROM THE STUDIO.

To-day's radio programme, from Z. B. W. on a wavelength of 355 metres, 5.00-5.30 p.m. European programme. 5.00-5.49 p.m. Programme of Columbia records. 5.49-6.10 p.m. Children's programme. 6.10-9.00 p.m. Programme of Columbia records.

5.00-5.49 p.m. Variety. Orchestral-Bitter Sweet-Bitter Sweet. Orchestral-Bitter Sweet-If Love Were All. Jack Payne and His B. B. C. Dance Band. Humorous Song-Virginia (There's a Blue Ridge in my Heart). Humorous Song-He's Tall, Dark and Handsome. Sophie Tucker assisted by Ted Shapiro. 4942.

Organ Solo-Pleading. Terence Casey. 5384. Vocal Quintette-Hurt. Vocal Quintette-By All the Stars Above You. The Maccos. DB432.

Negro-Spiritual-Every Time I Feel the Spirit. Layton and Johnstone. 4939.

Negro-Spiritual-We're You There? Instrumental Trio-Anita. Ian Filia (Hawaiian Guitar). Al. Bowley (Guitar) and Sid Bright (Piano). 5608.

Banjo Solo-Progressions. Humorous Monologue-Mr. Potter Visits Southend. Gullie Potter. 5067.

5.49-6.10 p.m. Children's Concert from the Studio. (The Aunties and Uncles go down to the country). 6.10-6.45 p.m. Mon Lac (G. M. Witkowski). Robert Casadesu (Piano) and Orch. Symphonique of Paris. 9025-9027.

7.00 p.m. (Stock quotations, mail notice, etc.). 6.45-7.20 p.m. Moments Musicaux (Schubert Op. 94). Ethel Legniska. 4887-4890.

Moderato in C-Andante in A Flat-Moderato in C Sharp Minor-Allegro Vivace in F Minor-Allegretto in A Flat. 7.20-7.50 p.m. Scottish Selections. Song-Castles in the Air (Traditional). Song-Up in the Mornin' Early (Hamilton and Mackenzie).

Margaret F. Stewart (Soprano). 5565. Organ Solo-Just a Wes Deoch and Doris Medley (Pub. Feldman and Co.).

Quentin M. Maclean. 5528. Band-The Thistle (Selection of Scottish Melodies). Reg. Band of H. M. Grenadier Guards. 9102.

Song-Duncan Gray (Robert Burns). Song-The Standard on the Braces O' Mar (Laird). Elder Cunningham (Bass-Baritone). 5045.

7.50-8.00 p.m. Memories of Tschinkowsky (arr. Sear). The J. H. Squire Celeste Octet. 9198. 8.00 p.m. Local time and weather report.

8.05-10.30 p.m. Chinese Concert from the Studio. 10.30 p.m. Rugby mid-day press news. 10.33 p.m. Close down. All records in the Above European programmes are kindly supplied by Messrs. Anderson Music Co.

the truant pair, ostensibly Mr. and Mrs. Jones, shall occupy their usual bedroom, the Cockney arranging his comfortable quarters downstairs and back-chattering amiably with all and sundry, the occasional glimpses of the burglars in durandio vile, and the diverting prearrangement of the originally perverse wife and her silly-ass companion. The climax is reached with the arrival of the husband and his now disgruntled lady, followed by the police, who promptly arrest the cleric as a dangerous crook, and declare that the whole party belong to a notorious gang. Eventually the silly-ass personally rounds up the real burglars, and explanations result in general apologies.

Walter Forde has resourcefully kept the comedy ball rolling, whether in situation or in gag, and as the dialogue is pointed and the portrayal extremely capable, the appropriate patron will vote the picture pretty good entertainment. At no time does one fail to follow the development on this account. Settings, too, are workmanlike and credible, while the photography is worthy of commendation.

The portrayal features Jane Baxter, a pretty new-comer, with a flair for comedy, in the role of the truant wife, Richard Cooper as her silly-ass accomplice, Frederick Volpe as the radiant broker, and Sari Maritza as the other erring little lady.

"The Right to Love." Ruth Chatterton bewails the fact that she was born too late, and must live her life among this calary-counting gentry. The reason for her dietetic displeasure was the serving of a "pre-orange juice era" breakfast as a course in the course of recording "The Right to Love," new Paramount talking picture for her. The picture opens to-day in an engagement of three days at the Central Theatre.

The menus included such he-man food as wheat-cakes, fried mushrooms, ham, eggs, sausages, white bread and coffee, guaranteed to be ninety per cent caffeine. Trained to the rigors of a morning repast of citrus juice and dry toast, Miss Chatterton found the 1930 version of the matrimonial meal a delightful revelation.

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In all, there will be no less than sixteen bouts, the first fight being timed to commence at 8.45 p.m. Booking is at Moutrie's and an advertisement appearing on another page gives full particulars.

WEIGHT LIFTING.

ENTRIES FOR COMPETITION
ON DECEMBER 20.

The open air weight lifting competition, which is to be held on December 20 on the South China ground, Caroline Hill, (by kind permission of the South China Athletic Association) will be an outstanding event of the year. Patrons are assured of a very scientific weight lifting display, besides the excitement which the other attractions will provide.

The wrestling bout between Marshall and Andrews should be exceptionally exciting, as the two contestants are practically of the same weight, Andrews being slightly the heavier. The promoters hope that this event will prove more interesting than that which was staged at the Stadium some months back.

Miss Enid Lo, the Ladies' Tennis champion of the Colony will give patrons an exhibition of Ju-jitsu, with her brother, Mr. Horace Lo, who is also a very promising exponent of the art. Miss Lo is as capable a performer of Ju-jitsu as she is on the tennis court.

Seven competitors have entered for the Weight Lifting Competitions and they consist of some of the best in the Colony. The committee has extended the closing date and expect to receive other entries. Those intending to compete should note that the last day on which entries will be accepted is December 10.

Some of the Entrants.

Among the entries for the weight lifting contests is Dr. K. C. Yeo who

requires no introduction to followers of the art. He is the holder of many awards and his physique will be admired by all familiar with the muscular structure of the human body. Of tall build, Dr. Yeo is wonderfully strong and active and is an outstanding pupil of the Maurice College of Physical Education.

Charles Chanatong is the pick of the bunch in the competition for "Hongkong's Strongest Youth" although he is now slightly handicapped by his increase in weight. Another prominent entry is Lam Yan-fu, a student of King's College.

In view of a recent challenge through the Press it would be interesting to see the Mr. Spoor's strongest youth matched against those of the Maurice College, but up to the present no entry has been made by this latter.

Other entries are K. K. Lo, Li Fuk-fai, Fung Ping-fan and Li Fuk-wing. The Judges for "Hongkong's Most Perfect Man" Contest will be Lieut. D. R. M. Cameron and Mr. Raymond O'Shea.

The display will be held under the distinguished patronage of Sir Shou-son Chow, the Hon. Mr. R. H. Kotewall, and the Hon. Mr. S. V. T'ao. Sir Shou-son Chow has kindly consented to distribute the prizes.

The exhibition is expected to last for about two and a half hours.

LEAGUE CRICKET.

The following will represent the Civil Service Cricket Club in their League match against the Royal Artillery at Happy Valley on Saturday:—B. D. Evans (capt.), J. E. Richardson, G. R. Sayer, F. J. de Rome, F. J. Ling, F. Baker, E. B. Reed, R. M. Wood, J. Barrow, R. A. J. Simpson, N. Bebbington.

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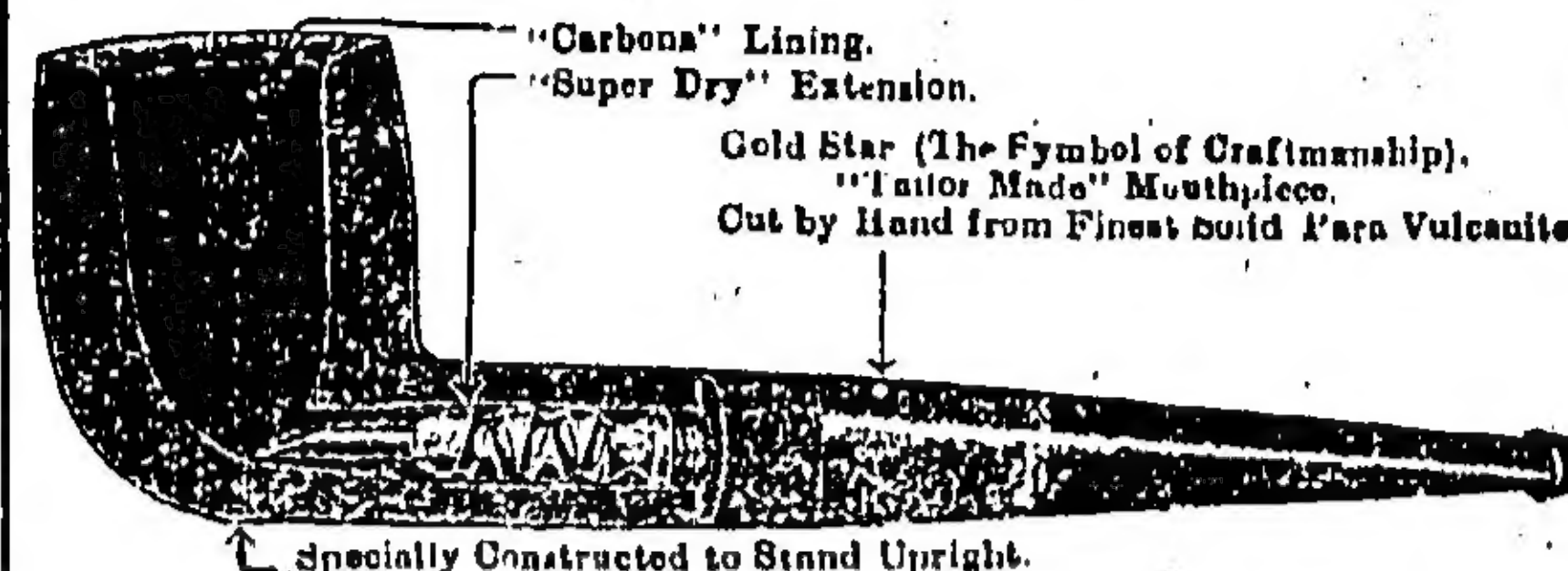
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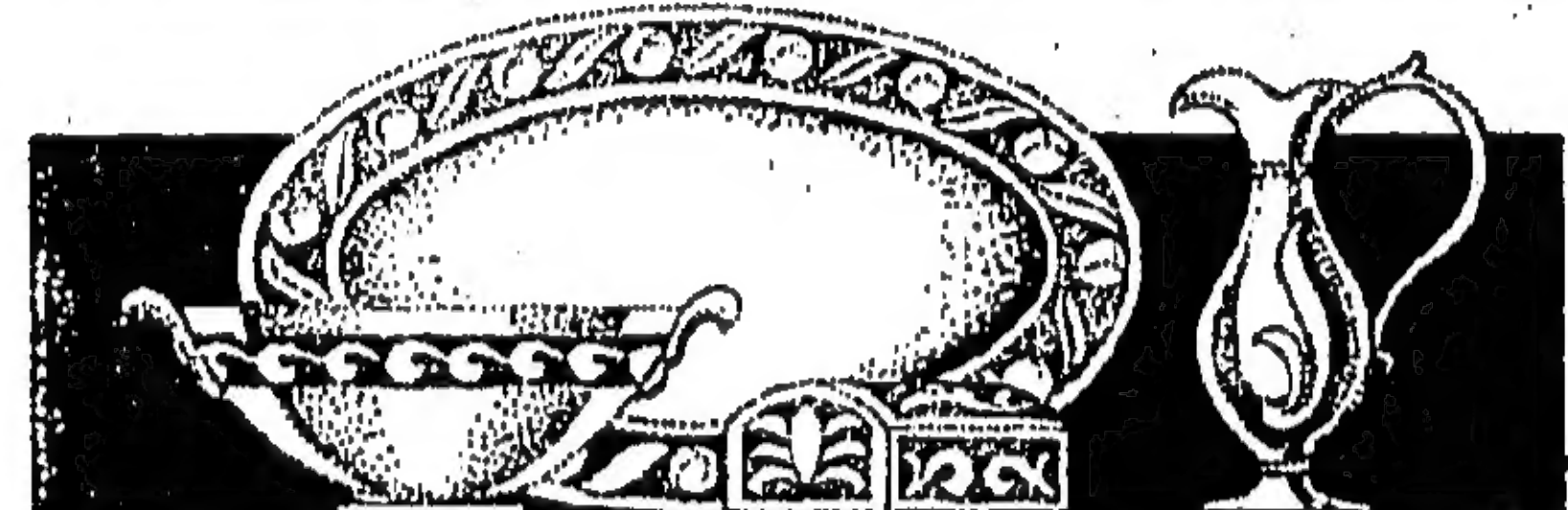
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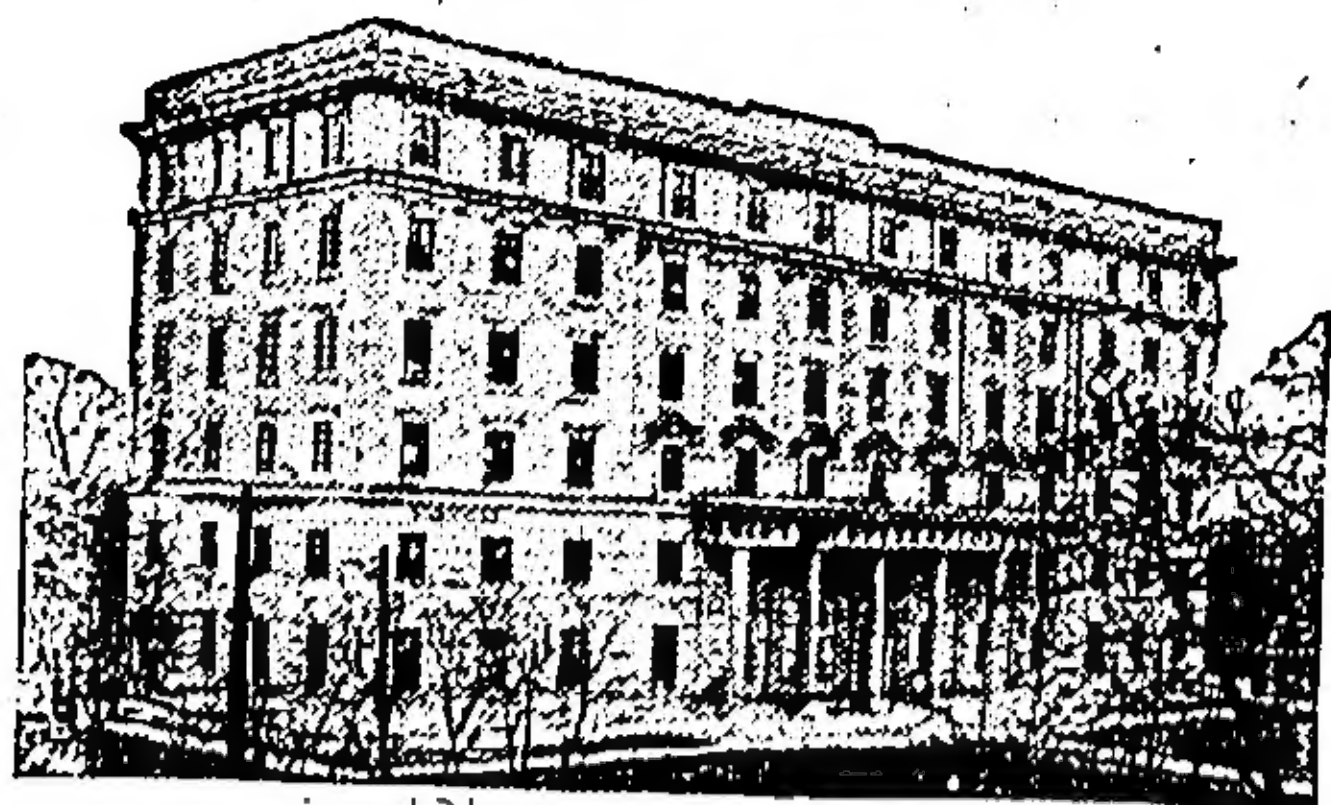
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**IF YOU LIVED IN
RUSSIA.**

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old women. She is 68 years old, works days in her hospital and nights teaching new doctors. Her name is Olga Sergelny.

"From the time I was eight, I doctored everybody in my village with herbs," she told me. "My mother died when I was 11 and I got work as delivery girl for dirty rags in a paper factory. I changed to a hired girl so I could go to school. I had to care for my four smaller sisters and brothers, too. I was 30 when I finally paid my way through medical school. I have been a doctor now for 38 years."

The young Komsovol girls are new women of Russia. They are switched to various jobs, for their enthusiasm for the Five Year Plan is worth much to their government.

You hear heroic tales of the older Communist women.

Marin, a Communist for 17 years, marched in the Red Army as a propagandist when the revolution was first won. Her father was an artist, she had little education. She heard the government's call for engineers. Despite bad lungs she entered the Leningrad university to study engineering. She is now on a construction job far away in the oil fields.

Each individual in Russia, man or woman, stands on his own merits as a person. Wives of prominent Communists get no reflected glory.

A recent book on Stalin described him as an Oriental who kept his beautiful young wife in the virtual confines of a harem.

I asked the press department for an interview with her. The under-secretary looked perplexed. "Mrs. Stalin?" he queried. "Why an interview with Mrs. Stalin?" I explained our inordinate interest in all our Mrs. Hoovers, our Mrs. Coolidges.

"But Mrs. Stalin is a private citizen," he answered. "The government can make no appointments for private citizens. Why don't you just phone her if you want to see her. There is a phone in her name."

I did. She was in the Crimea with him on vacation. But I found that Nadya Alululeva, which is her name, leaves the Kremlin every morning, takes the crowded street car just like any other Moscow woman, and goes to an institute where she is studying to be a chemical engineer, to work

in the factories that manufacture artificial silk.

Stalin's wife was born in 1902, has been married to Stalin 11 years, has one girl and one boy by him, and is herself only six years younger than Yaskov, Stalin's son by his first wife.

There are no "weak women" in Russia, seemingly. When anyone arrived or left our apartment, which was on the fourth floor—walk up—it was Sascha, our slender little maid who insisted on carrying all the luggage.

On a co-operative farm I passed a huge concrete building that was being constructed entirely by women labourers. They were putting up the walls, laying floors, putting in windows, doing the plumbing. Their men folk were out in the fields doing farm work with the new modern machinery the co-operative had bought from abroad. In Moscow when new concrete streets are laid, it is women who do the heaviest work. You see women bricklayers working high on the fourth or fifth stories of new buildings.

In athletic contests the equality of women is also shown. At the "Park of Culture and Rest" I saw a group of German sailors playing volleyball with a team of Russian workers. On the Russian team were two girls.

This equality works both ways, of course. Russian men are learning to shoulder their burden of home duties. You see fully as many fathers out at parks with their children as women. Men shop for food. Men help with housework. The Soviet government insists that they should work out their lives equally.

At the University of Moscow this was illustrated. A girl and a boy student, both enthusiastic workers in the club in their dormitory (for men and women occupy the same dormitory and visit back and forth just like a group of women or a group of men in America), fell in love and registered. After they began living together, the girl stayed home increasingly, tidying up the room, taking a real domestic pride in their humbled quarters. The dormitory Soviet called the new husband before it.

"Where was his new wife who used to be such a good worker in the club?" they asked. He told them. They then reprimanded him for not working with her to finish things up so they could both attend meetings and do social work.

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The marriage was solemnised at the Registrar's Office after which the happy couple proceeded to the Hongkong Hotel where they received numerous congratulations from their relatives and friends. The bride who was accompanied at the reception by her mother and brothers, Albert and William Young Saye, was radiantly attired in an exquisite gown of white satin with silver lace of Victorian model, with a bouquet of white chrysanthemums. The bridesmaid, Miss Mable Chan, wore a beautiful blue silk gown with flared skirt.

Dr. Chan Ping-in performed the duties of best man.

Toast to the Couple.

Dr. Kotewall, who spoke in Chinese, said that it gave him special pleasure to propose the toast of the Bride and Bridegroom whose families Mrs. Kotewall and he had known for many years. The bride belonged to a family known for its talents and scholastic attainments. She was both an English and Chinese scholar, having first received her English education in New Zealand, and on her return to China making a special study of Chinese literature. The bridegroom was a young man of great promise. With him the speaker felt that there existed a bond of affinity, both being past students of the Diocesan Boys School, and both graduates of the Hongkong University—with only this little difference, that while Dr. Yu obtained his degree by his merited efforts, he (Dr. Kotewall) obtained his as a free gift from the University, without having earned it. (Laughter.)

After graduation Dr. Yu held a post at the Government Civil Hospital for a short period, and then took up work at the Aberdeen and New Territories Public Dispensaries. In spite of his heavy regular duties, he contrived to find time to give free medical service to the sick poor in the New Territories almost every Sunday.

"From this love of his fellow-men," said Dr. Kotewall, "we can easily infer how much he loves his own wife." He wished them every happiness.

After the reception the happy couple left for their honeymoon, which will be spent in Canton and Amoy.

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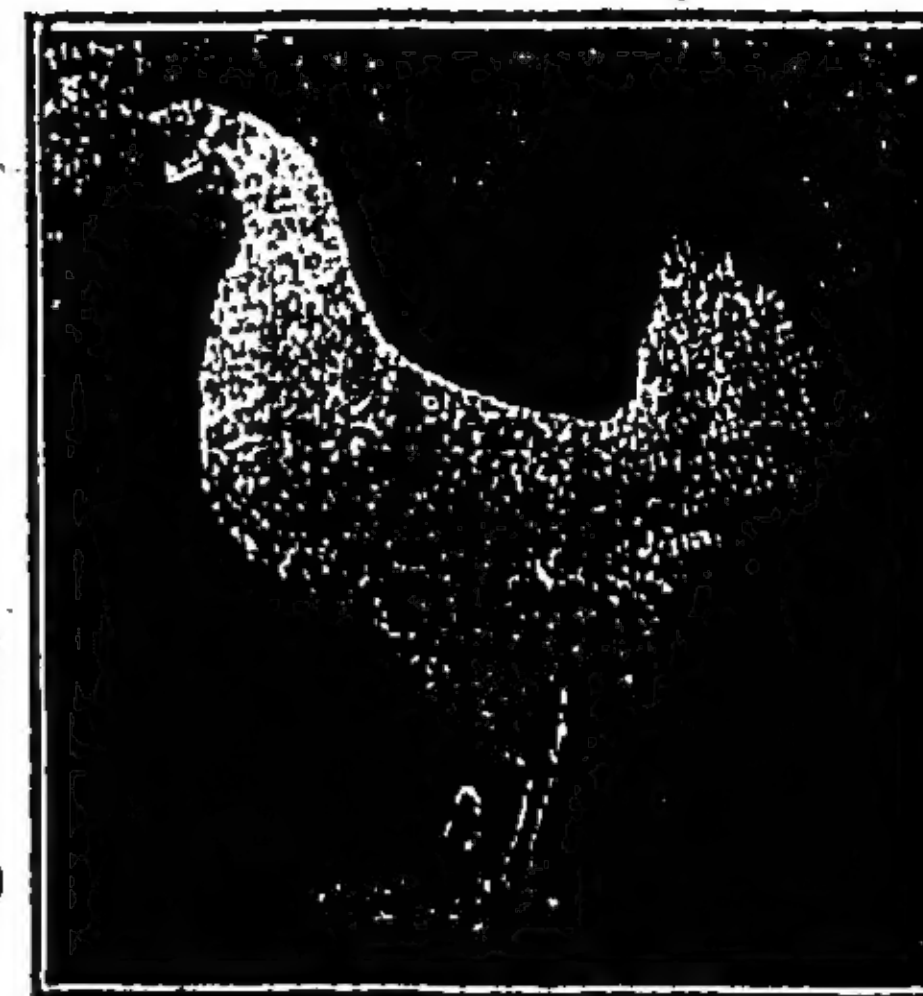
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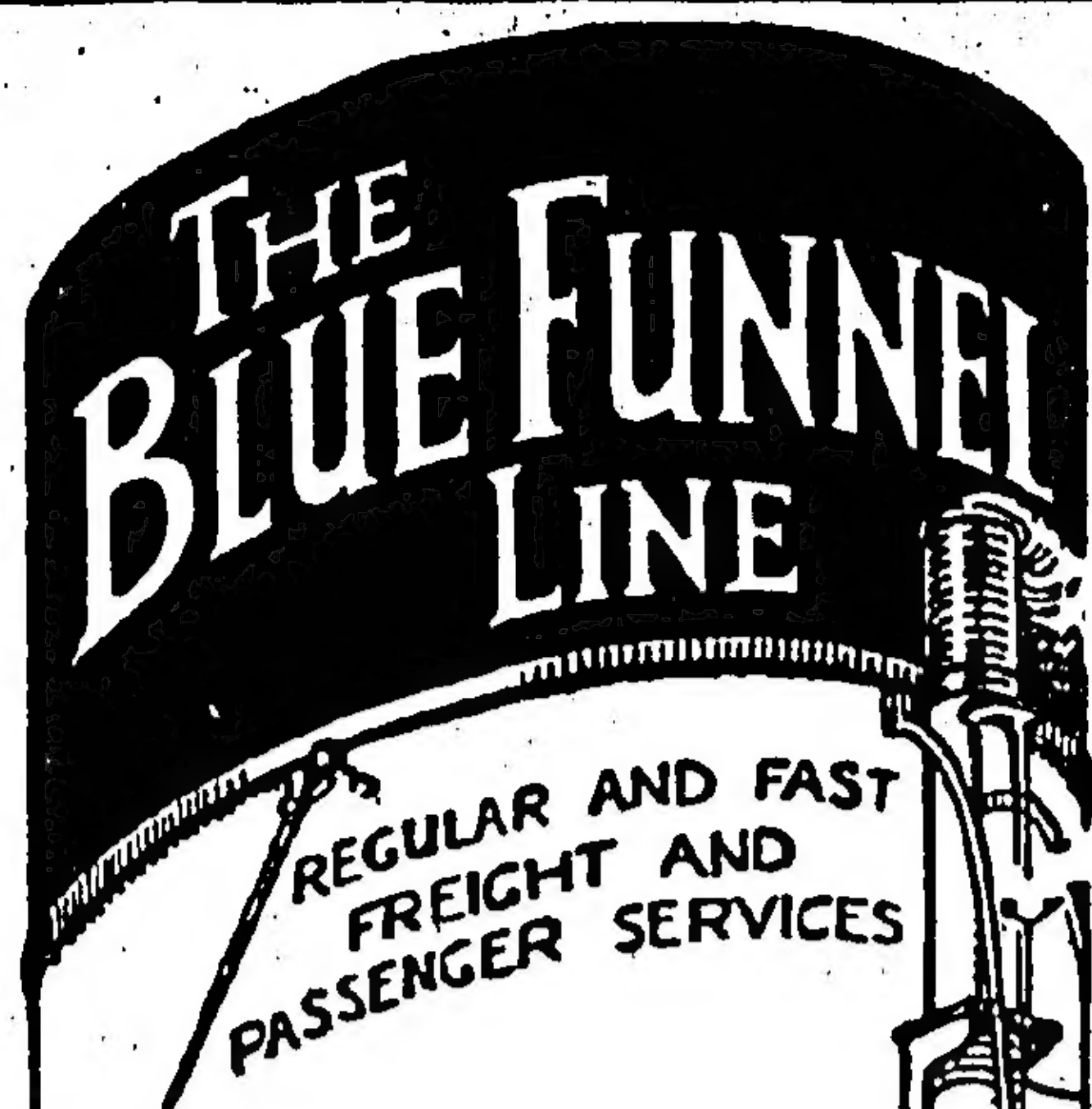
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date from it—on behalf of the Chinese community of which Sir Robert is such a distinguished member. In so far as I can see, there is no essential difference between the two ceremonies, except that the one was a brand-new affair, and the other is fifty years old. When we look at the 'bride and bridegroom' before us—we Chinese delight to call the happy couple on their golden wedding anniversary by this happy name—when we look at them, we can see that the same romantic spirit as resides in the hearts of newly-wed lovers, still animates them, and the same zest for life as is characteristic of youth, still quickens their blood. (Hear, hear!)

Mark Twain, when being felicitated on the occasion of his seventieth birthday, said: "Threescore years and ten! It is the Scriptural statute of limitations. After that, for you the strenuous life is over." No doubt, the incomparable Mark spoke humorously, but I have the feeling that he also said it half seriously.

No Retirement Yet.

Many a man attaining to that honourable old age as Sir Robert has attained, would think of retirement, of rest and leisure which are theirs by right; but it is not so with our esteemed friend. Those who have known Sir Robert, as I have, for the last thirty-five years or so, can tell you that his intellectual powers have not shown the slightest diminution since they made his acquaintance, and that, physically, he is a stronger man to-day. Apart from his extraordinary energy and vitality to which His Excellency the Governor has referred, he is still imbued with that adventurous urge which spurs on such questing spirits as the octogenarians Lord Strathcona and Captain Robert Dollar, ever to go forward and to achieve, when lesser men of half their age would doubt, waver and vegetate.

Work for Hongkong.

His Excellency has outlined Sir Robert's public career, and the substantial contributions which he has made to the social life of the Colony. The important part Sir Robert played in bringing about the settlement of the Seamen's Strike in 1922 by guaranteeing a large sum of money to be paid in certain eventualities deserves special mention here. I venture to think that his public career and his business achievements constitute a record which cannot be excelled by that of any other citizen now living. (Applause.) That Sir Robert is one of the greatest sons of Hongkong no one can honestly deny. That the Colony is proud of him is evidenced by the large gathering of friends who come here to participate in his joy. I count myself one of his admirers. I admire him for his wonderful foresight and unerring judgment, his tremendous energy and tenacity of purpose and, what appeals to me most, the perennial spirit of youth which he has evinced in his later years. (Applause.)

Lady Ho Tung's Part.

To Sir Robert's manifold successes Lady Ho Tung has undoubtedly contributed in no small measure. (Applause.) Like His Excellency, if I may be permitted to add my own personal experience, I, too, have learnt to appreciate the value that a good wife can be to her husband in his public and his private life. In Lady Ho Tung, Sir Robert has a helpmate who sympathises and

encourages, who shared his hopes and hardships in his early years of struggle, and who assisted him, with that combination of quiet tact and easy dignity that is peculiarly hers, in the heavy social duties inevitable in the life of a man of such large interests. I have been told that so highly does Sir Robert rate her acumen and good sense that he submits a daily summary of his business transactions to her scrutiny. Some of the married men present may not consider this very exceptional, since they themselves possibly have to render to their wives when they arrive home late at night, a detailed account of their time after leaving the office—to the best of their ingenuity. (Laughter.)

I cannot fully enumerate here Lady Ho Tung's good qualities just as I cannot fully enumerate Sir Robert's. It may suffice to say that the qualities of the two so nicely complement each other that they have made, not only Sir Robert's material success which is stupendous, but also the success of fifty years of married life, which is the greatest thing of all. In the name of their Chinese friends who can be said to comprise the Chinese community, I offer to Sir Robert and Lady Ho Tung heartfelt congratulations and the best of good wishes. (Applause.)

LOOKING BACK.

Sir Robert Reviews Life in Eloquent Reply.

In an eloquent reply Sir Robert said:
 Your Excellencies, Lady Peel, ladies and gentlemen:

On behalf of my wife and other members of my family, as well as on my own behalf, I wish to express our heartfelt gratitude to His Excellency the Governor and Lady Peel for the honour they have done us by attending to this reception, and above all, to His Excellency for the very kind way in which he has proposed our health. (Applause.) Equally warmly do I thank Dr. Kotowall for his kind remarks, and you all, ladies and gentlemen, for your welcome presence here, and for the cordial manner in which you have responded to the toast. (Applause.)

Having attained the age of three score and ten, I have, of course, received my quota of sorrow and happiness. Sorrow is inevitable in human life, which we would fain forget; but happiness is too precious and, perhaps, not too abundant for us not to appreciate to the full, and to store in our memories. Indeed, to recapture the happiness of some bygone days is a source of happiness in itself. To-day, as my wife and I, both happily enjoying the blessing of good health, stand before you to receive your congratulations and good wishes upon the fiftieth anniversary of our wedding, (Applause.) I feel that this is an occasion which constitutes the happiest and the most memorable day of my life. In this circumstance I hope that you will pardon me if I indulge for a few brief moments in personal reminiscences.

Fifty years ago, when I married, the Chinese marriage customs in Hongkong were very different from those of the present day. The wedding cake and honeymoon were practically unheard of; the nuptial dinner was an elaborate affair; and the number of "kwo-tows" which the bride and the bridegroom had to perform to parents, uncles, aunts and a host of other elders was enough to give them the "housemaid's knee."

Old Marriage Customs.

The young couple were denied the joy of a few quiet moments to themselves, having to entertain

their friends night after night up to the small hours of the morning, for at least a week. The present day bride and bridegroom are happily free from these fetters of conventionalities and can have all the time to themselves immediately after the wedding reception. To make up for what we lost half a century ago, I have persuaded my wife to go on a honeymoon with me after this reception. (Laughter and applause.)

And no less marked than the change in our marriage customs has been the progress which the Colony has made in all directions since I was married fifty years ago. In those days the Peak Tramway had not been built; there were no motors, no buses, no trams; and no building exceeding three storeys in height. Electricity, with all that it implies, was practically unknown in Hongkong. The littoral of Kowloon presented to the observer on the Island nothing more than a bare outline of the territorial boundary of the harbour. Industries were literally non-existent then. There was no railway to Canton; no comfortable double-enders to conduct the trans-harbour traffic; no piers for the ocean-going steamers, and the Kowloon Godown had not been built, and lastly, no means of converse with our friends in Canton by simply dialing on the telephone instrument and the application of the receiver to the ear.

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When I look back and take a retrospective view of the fifty years through which my wife and I have passed, in clouds and sunshine, I cannot but realise how much we have to be thankful for, in thankfulness for the abundant measure of happiness which has been vouchsafed to us, and in order to mark this anniversary of our wedding, I beg to announce that I take much pleasure in donating to the Colony a sum of \$200,000—half of which is to be applied to the building of a Children's Welfare Centre in the New Territories, and the other half is to provide free education for poor girls in the East End of the City. (Loud applause.)

Your Excellencies, Lady Peel, ladies and gentlemen, I thank you all once more for your kind presence and good wishes. (Applause.)

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An expert Maitre D'Hotel has also been engaged to take charge of the grill. He is Mr. J. Gauer, formerly of the Piccadilly Hotel, London, and subsequently at Cairo and Venice. He will have the assistance of Mr. V. Olofinsky who is well known in Hongkong, while the kitchen department is in the capable hands of Mr. Ottoguser, who is an expert chef with wide London experience.

The popular Macs Cafe, which promises to be even more popular than of yore, is in the charge of Mr. Alex Kaluzny, who has been transferred from the Peninsula Hotel.

Another innovation, which cannot but have results, is the placing of the musical arrangements for the Hotel entirely in the hands of Mr. J. Futera, who, with his Astor House orchestra, has already made for himself a reputation in Hongkong. Mr. Futera, in addition to leading his own orchestra in "straight" programmes during the morning, afternoon and evening, intends to reorganise to some extent the dance bands, and under his careful guidance patrons can confidently look forward to dancing to some of the most competent dance orchestras in the East.

Structural Alterations.

Concerning the structural alterations, the keynote is brightness combined with modernity. Gone are the cramped Macs and the rather heavy looking lounge, and in their places, as a result of a remarkable transformation, has appeared a ground floor which is well nigh perfect in design and effect.

With entrances from Gloucester Arcade, Pedder Street and Queen's Road Central, the ground floor of the hotel now offers a most inviting rendezvous. Delightful decorative effects, com-

LOCAL HOCKEY.

SOLDIERS BEATEN IN A
CLOSE GAME.

Playing on the U.S.R.C. ground yesterday, the Hongkong Hockey Club defeated the South Wales Borderers by one goal to nil in a close game.

The Club were playing one man short, being without G. F. Lammer, but were able to hold their opponents. The first half of the game produced no score. In the second period, Owen Hughes scored for the Club shortly after the resumption. The military side pressed, but failed to equalise.

Club "A" v. Tamar.

The following will represent the Hongkong Hockey Club "A" Team against H.M.S. Tamar on the Club Ground at 5 p.m. to-morrow: R. W. Sapsed; L. A. R. Duncan (Capt.), L. F. Nicholson; E. J. R. Mitchell, E. G. Dale, K. H. Utley, W. H. Smith, W. A. Newer, S. Hill, H. Owen, Davies, G. F. Rees. Referee: J. T. K. Gilchrist.

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

HONGKONG CLUB DEFEAT
KOWLOON.

On the Kowloon ground at King's Park, the Hongkong Football Club rugby team defeated the Kowloon Rugby Football Club by five points to nil.

The game was of a rather scrappy nature. The Hongkong men were inclined to hang on to the ball a little too much, otherwise they might have scored twice. The try was scored by Peers as the result of a good forward rush, and was converted.

The Kowloon side played well, but lacked cohesion and consequently bungled many a good move. Outstanding men on the Hongkong side were Peers, Humphreys and Smith, and Whitlam was as usual sound at full back.

fortable but attractive furniture, picturesque lighting, all combine to make the building something entirely new for Hongkong. There are no dull looking walls dividing the various parts of the floor, but one moves directly from the lounge, greatly enlarged and fitted with a raised dais from where Mr. Futera's orchestra discourses music daily, to Mac's Cafeteria, which now has a pleasant and airy outlook.

Behind, hidden from prying eyes, though worthy of inspection, is the kitchen which is the last word in modern appointments. Marble counters and a special electric coffee making machine, which has the advantage, by means of a percolator, of making an individual cup of coffee in mass production style, are among the features of the kitchen.

Banqueting Room.

The first floor alterations are bound to capture the imagination and delight the patrons. The Company set itself out to solve the difficult question of lining accommodation; and not only has it succeeded in solving this problem, but has presented to Hongkong a public dining room which challenges comparison with any in any part of the world. The old dining room, plus the old Bessie's Bar and lounge have been merged into one huge room. In the centre is a dance floor which is raised off, completely separate from the rest of the floor. Here again artistic decorative effects have been introduced, and the Hotel can now accommodate a

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For private parties, a Jacobean room has been built, and this will find special favour.

The first floor dining room will be open on Monday next, December 7th, while the grill will be officially opened with the M.C.L. dance on Saturday next.

The ground floor is already completed and in use, and the Hotel has received many congratulations on the wonderful improvements made.

Arts and Crafts, Ltd., have been responsible for the artistic decorations, and the work is of the high standard always maintained by this firm. Equally attractive is the terrace work (green, black and buff), both interior and exterior which has been under the supervision of Mr. Vannini.

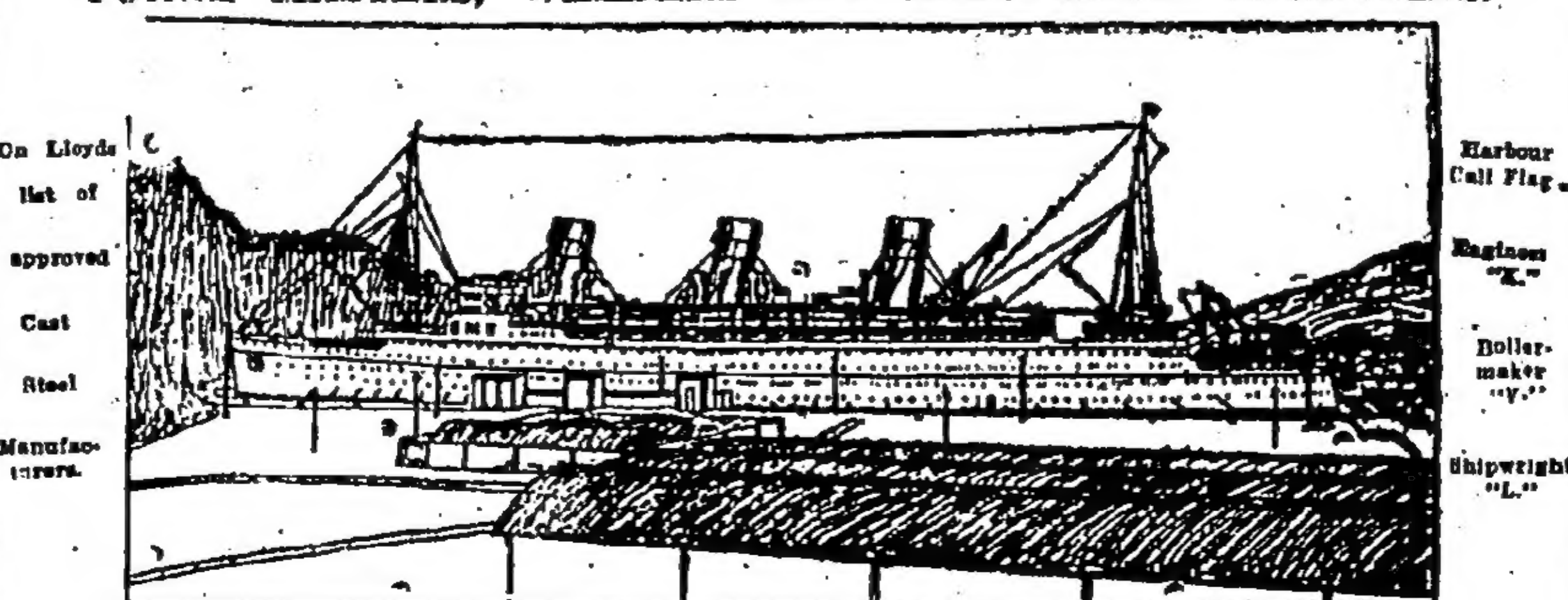
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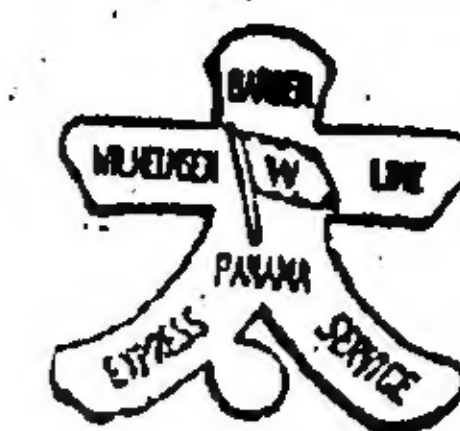


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| NANKIN | 7,000 | 7th Dec. | S'hai, Moji, Kobe, Osaka |
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| CHITRAL | 15,000 | 1st Jan. | S'hai, Kobe & Yokohama |
| TALMA | 10,000 | 3rd Jan. | Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka |
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AMERICA IN FAVOUR OF MONOPOLIES.

Washington, Nov. 29. The State Department issued a statement in connection with the closing of the Bangkok opium conference, declaring the United States favours universal government monopolies in opium as a means of curbing the opium evil.

The United States would see opium use curtailed by a strict prescription method.

Until poppy culture is controlled, the statement said, the utmost vigilance will be necessary on the part of co-operating Governments to combat illicit opium traffic.

HEIFETZ CONCERT TO-MORROW.

BIG TREAT PROMISED MUSIC-LOVERS.

An extraordinary advance sale has been noted at the King's Theatre prior to the opening of the concert of Jascha Heifetz to-morrow night. Heifetz has decided that the box-office sale should not be over, as he wishes all his concert-goers to be within the reach of local music-lovers.

Heifetz has been the recipient of the highest honours bestowed upon any living violinist, and has received the palms of the Legion d'Honneur from the hands of the former President of France, Gaston Doumergue. His world-wide reputation is further enhanced by the fact that his undoubted ability is the most outstanding of any living virtuoso. His tutor was the famous Leopold Auer, who proclaimed him the "peer of all maestros."

EXCHANGE RATES.

| | Previous Day. | Yesterday. |
|---------------|---------------|------------|
| Paris | 84 1/2 | 86 1/2 |
| Geneva | 16.15/116 | 17.7/16 |
| Berlin | 13 1/2 | 14 1/2 |
| Oslo | 18 1/2 | 19 1/2 |
| Helsingfors | 192 | 194 |
| Athens | 255 | 270 |
| Buenos Aires | 40 1/2 | 40 1/2 |
| Shanghai | 1/10.5/16 | 1/10 1/2 |
| New York | 3.39 1/2 | 3.39 1/2 |
| Amsterdam | 8.20 | 8.13/32 |
| Stockholm | 17 | 18 |
| Vienna | 29 | 29 |
| Madrid | 39 1/2 | 40 1/2 |
| Bucharest | 565 | 575 |
| Hongkong | 1/4.5 | 1/4.3/10 |
| Brussels | 23 1/2 | 24 1/2 |
| Milan | 64.18 | 66 |
| Copenhagen | 111 | 112 |
| Prague | 109 3/4 | 109 3/4 |
| Lisbon | 109 3/4 | 109 3/4 |
| Rio | 4 1/2 | 4 1/2 |
| Bombay | 1/6.3/32 | 1/6.3/32 |
| Yokohama | 3 1/2 | 3 1/2 |
| Montevideo | 31 1/2 | 31 1/2 |
| Montreal | 3.82 1/2 | 3.81 1/2 |
| Silver (pari) | 19 1/2 | 19 1/2 |
| Forward | 19 1/2 | 19 1/2 |

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HONGKONG SHARE MARKET.

OFFICIAL SUMMARY BY STOCK EXCHANGE.

With the rate of exchange being unchanged the market opened with a better tone at the morning session, values being well maintained.

Sales.

Banks, \$1,570.
Providents (old), \$5.40.
Realities, \$12.
H.K. Trams, \$21 1/2.
Unions, \$120/3425.
Lands, \$31 1/2.
Econ. Th., \$16.05.

Buyers.

Unions, \$425.
China Underwriters, \$4 1/2.
Providents (old), \$5.30.
H.K. Lands, \$30 1/2.
Realities, \$11.90.
Trams, \$21.
Electric, \$77.
Canton Ice, \$5 1/2.
H.K. Ropes, \$16.
Sinceres, \$15.
Enterprises (old), \$15.
H.K. Government Loan, \$22 1/2 premium.

Steamboats, \$24.
Shanghai Explorations, Ths. 2.36.
Hotels (old), \$16.
Hotels (new), \$14 1/2.
Econ. Ths., \$27 1/2.
China Lights, \$27 1/2.
Telephones (part paid), \$20 1/2.
Cements (combined), \$19.05.
Dairy Farms, \$28.
Amusements, \$19 1/2.
Constructions (old), \$5.05.
Constructions (new), \$1.85.

Sellers.

Rauhs, \$45.
Providents (old), \$5 1/2.
S.C. Enterprises, \$10.
Venezuelan Goldfields, \$2.
Trams, \$21 1/2.

BRIGHTER SIGNS IN AUSTRALIA.

PRIME MINISTER'S PROSPERITY CAMPAIGN.

Canberra, Nov. 8.

In a speech delivered over the wireless to-day at the opening of the world-wide prosperity campaign and specially appealing for the provision of work before Christmas, Mr. Scullin, the Prime Minister, urged his hearers to purchase Australian goods to stimulate trade. He said confidence was returning as the result of the adoption of the Premier's plan.

An adverse trade balance of £32,000,000 sterling had become a favourable balance of £30,000,000 sterling, thus marking a sound basis that would maintain national solvency.

The Budget position was satisfactory, revenue was coming up to expectations, and expenditure was keeping within the estimates. The fall in prices had been arrested, and there was an upward tendency. The dark cloud of impending default had been lifted, and there was evidence of a better day dawning.

One reason why the Commonwealth Government favours holding

PEER LEADER OF MAGICIANS.

"SPIRITS" PAINT HIS PORTRAIT.

Lord Amthill, who has been elected fifth president of the Magic Circle in succession to Mr. David Devant, Mr. Clive Maskelyne, Mr. Nevill Maskelyne and Mr. Herbert Collings, presided at the annual banquet of the Circle, held at the Park-lane Hotel.

He confessed, in his presidential address, that he knew nothing of practical conjuring, and said that as soon as it was announced that he, though not a conjuror himself, had become president of the Magic Circle, all the newspapers in Fleet-street were at once on his track, asking him by what "hocuspocus" he had been elected to the office!

"But," he added laughingly, "I am not the only man in England holding high office in a profession of which he has no practical knowledge."

A "spirit" portrait of Lord Amthill was a surprise produced at the banquet by a conjuror-member, Mr. Ralph Delvin, who asked Lady Amthill to accept it as a token of the esteem in which Magic Circle members held their president.

The picture, in sepia, was "painted by the spirits" on a blank canvas previously signed by two of the audience and placed inside an illuminated cabinet, where it could be seen "developing" light and shade until the bearded features of Lord Amthill gradually became visible.

CABINET MINISTER SUED.

SIR ARCHIBALD SINCLAIR IN MOTOR SMASH.

Sir Archibald Sinclair, Secretary for Scotland, was sued at Kingston County Court by H. Slomming and Sons, of Romford-road, E., for £73 3s. 2d. for damages received by a motor vehicle in a collision at the junction of Sussex-gardens and Westbourne-street, W.

It was alleged that Sir Archibald's chauffeur drove negligently at the cross roads.

Sir Archibald said that he was in no hurry at the time. His chauffeur was driving at from ten to fifteen miles an hour and did not see the other car until it was close on him.

Judgment was given for Sir Archibald Sinclair. Judge Earington said that in his opinion both drivers were to blame.

An Imperial Conference at Ottawa in February rather than encounter the delay which would be caused by a world tour by Mr. J. H. Thomas, the Secretary of State for the Dominions, is that Mr. Theodore, the Federal Treasurer, has a plan of Empire currency to serve perhaps the basis of a new world currency.—Exchange.

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YOUTH'S STORY TO POLICE.

London, Nov. 2. Following the finding of a girl's body at the foot of a 350ft. quarry in Aberdeen, an 18-year-old youth has been questioned by the police. The girl, Catherine Massey, a 17-year-old typist, and the youth had been keeping company for two or three months. Shortly before midnight the lad ran panting into a police station

about a quarter of a mile from the quarry and told them that the girl had jumped or fallen over the edge.

The youth, with police officers and quarry officials, searched the bottom of the quarry with lanterns and found the girl's body.

At daybreak on Saturday the body was taken to the top by means of a long aerial cable-way.

The young man is understood to have stated that the girl became ill and he went to look for a taxi. Before he had gone 50 yards he heard a scrambling noise and running back, found that the girl had disappeared.

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